



COMMENT OF  
THE DAY

Why The Hurry?

A PERFECT example of Government giving to the public with one hand and taking away with the other is provided by yesterday's official decision to abolish the ten per cent tax on meals and hard drinks and simultaneously to increase, quite substantially, excise duties on liquor ranging from brandy, whisky, gin and beer to Chinese spirits and sake.

The reasons which prompted this sudden juggling about with these indirect sources of revenue were not explained in yesterday's Government Gazette Extraordinary. Some official enlightenment, we are assured, will be forthcoming at the next meeting of Legislative Council. It will need to be convincing.

First reaction, distinct from the merits or otherwise of the decision, is that it is extremely poorly timed. If the abolition of the 10 per cent tax and increase on liquor duties is supposed to represent a Christmas Box, the public will accept it with a wry face.

December is a month for entertaining at home. This Christmas, thanks to Government's action, liquor at least is going to be more expensive for everybody acting as host; and for those who celebrate in public the abolition of the 10 per cent tax on hard drinks is not got to mean cheaper liquor, for they will have to bear the cost of the new excise impost.

What we cannot understand is the dreadful urgency at this time of year (fiscal as well as calendar) to play around with this form of indirect taxation. Even assuming that in a full financial year the Treasury will enjoy a somewhat bigger make under the new measures, the Financial Secretary cannot expect any material difference to his revenue from this source when the end of next March arrives.

He could, therefore, have waited until the New Year at least to bring about amendments to the Public Revenue Protection Ordinance and the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance without any suffering on revenue for the current fiscal year. Psychologically the decision to effect such changes at this moment is a bit of poor judgment.

There is another aspect about the changes which does not appeal. The average salaried man who can afford to keep a modest car or indulge in a social drink in a club, must now pay more for these amenities; but the well-to-do, able to throw costly restaurant banquets is going to pay less for that dining out. It would appear that once again it is the little man who has to pay the piper.

The official desirability of abolishing the ten per cent meals and liquor tax and to balance this by increasing liquor duties may be well founded. Nevertheless, we would like to have two things stated: (1) the official reason why the 10 per cent surcharge was originally imposed; (2) the reason why Government has decided to abolish it. The answers, we are sure, can be given without any difficulty, but they would be useful in allaying any possible misapprehension in the minds of the public.

It is suggested that the Poteur-Paul manoeuvre is largely governed by the knowledge that it is easier to collect revenue from higher excise duties, than from the imposition of a tax on service. This suggests there has been considerable evasion of the ten per cent impost on meals and liquor. If that be so, all we can observe is that it has taken a very long time for Government to give it acknowledgment.

# BRITISH GESTURE TO CYPRUS

## Lennox-Boyd Likely To Offer Right Of Self-Determination

### AND £100 MILLION DEVELOPMENT PLAN

OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

London, Nov. 29.

Britain's new plans for Cyprus — which Colonial Secretary Alan Lennox-Boyd is expected to reveal next week — are believed in parliamentary circles to include recognition of the right to self-determination and a vast development programme of nearly £100 million.

But there may be an interim period of ten years to allow the new government to find its feet. It is understood Archbishop Makarios and the British Government have both made concessions in secret talks and there is now a chance of agreement. The British Government now regards Archbishop Makarios as a "moderate."

Makarios has dropped his demand for immediate self-determination and is said to be willing to accept self-government, with the island's choice of dominion status left open at present.

Two other points must be thrust out: the security of British bases on the island for which London wants strict guarantees; and the safeguarding of the minorities. These include Turkish, Jewish, Armenian and British communities.

Previous talks have stalled on the self-determination ques-

### LIKE'S VAIN PLEA TO CHIANG

New York, Nov. 29. The Nationalist Government has refused to veto the admission of Outer Mongolia to the United Nations, thus endangering the 18-nation "package deal" despite two personal appeals from President Eisenhower to General Chiang Kai-shek. It was learned today.

United States informants did not say when the President's appeals were made but they said they understood the first had been rejected and that there had been no reply to the second.

A spokesman for the Nationalist Government at the United Nations announced that it would oppose the admission of Outer Mongolia "by the use of the veto if necessary." — Reuter.

### JET CRASH DISASTER

#### Big Death Toll Fear

Fairbanks, Alaska, Nov. 29. An F-84 jet fighter plane crashed into an eight-unit housing project at Glasgow Air Force base today, killing the pilot and an unestimated number of persons living in the project, the Air Force announced.

It is thought at least 15 people were killed or injured.

"Virtually nothing remains of the eight-unit project," said an Air Force spokesman.

"The plane was taking off when it suddenly veered off the runway and crashed into the building," said Major John Orr, public information officer.

"The pilot never gained any altitude. The plane's wheels were still on the ground."

All available anti-aircraft equipment in the military use and even Fairbanks, 20 miles away, was rushed to the area where the burning building and flames were visible several miles away.

Major Orr said the pilot apparently tried to avoid hitting the housing unit, but could not gain altitude.

The plane rammed clean through the unit, in one end and out the other," he said.

The crash occurred during the lunch hour and it was feared many housewives and children were in the building at that time.

The building was a two-story unit with eight apartments in it Major Orr said. — United Press.

### FAURE GOVERNMENT FALLS: BID FOR SNAP DISSOLUTION

Paris, Nov. 30. The nine-month-old government of Premier Edgar Faure fell last night when the Assembly voted against holding early elections.

The Cabinet met shortly afterwards and decided tentatively to dissolve the Assembly for the first time in 70 years and send the French nation to the polls within a month.

The Foreign Minister, M. Antoine Pinay, and two other Ministers announced the unexpected decision early today. They said a majority of the Cabinet favoured sending the Deputies home. The Cabinet will meet for a final decision later today.

President Rene Coty will consult the National Assembly President, M. Pierre Schneider, officially on the question before the Cabinet meeting.

#### HOW THEY VOTED

The Assembly rejected M. Faure's plea for early elections by a 100-vote margin. The official vote was 318 to 218. The vote was cast by 538 members of the Assembly. The vote was cast by 538 members of the Assembly. The vote was cast by 538 members of the Assembly.

Political leaders in the jobless tonight thought it doubtful whether the Government would survive. The Government would survive. The Government would survive. The Government would survive. The Government would survive.

#### DEPUTIES' OWN DOING

Ironically, the Deputies who opposed early elections paved the way for him by defeating two governments within 18 months. M. Mendes-France himself was toppled last Saturday.

When the Assembly is dissolved the Cabinet stays in office and the Assembly Speaker becomes Premier and Minister of the Interior. General elections will be held within 15 days.

#### BELFAST GOVT OUTLAWS NATIONALISTS

Belfast, Nov. 29. The Government tonight outlawed the militant nationalist group suspected of responsibility for last Saturday's raid on the Rosters Police barracks.

A government announcement said the militant "Sinn Féin" (Free Ulster) section of the "Anna Ulster" (Warriors of Ulster) political party would become "unlawful" from tomorrow.

This action followed an official government protest that the Irish Republic was offering sanctuary to "murderous gangs" of Irish nationalists.

Northern Ireland announced last night it was setting up unlighted barricades and semi-permanent obstructions along its border with Southern Ireland. — United Press.

### Fire Inspector Starts \$20,000 Blaze

New York, Nov. 29. A fire inspector accidentally set off a \$20,000 blaze in a Times Square grill and bar today while testing a whisky display to determine whether it was fireproof.

Fire chief Raymond Lustig and two other firemen were critically injured.

Officials said the inspector, who was not identified, put a match to a whisky display in the Silver Dollar Bar and Grill and then smothered the flame. He started to walk out of the establishment but noticed the display was burning.

Two fire extinguishers were used on the blaze but to no avail and a fire alarm was sounded. Lustig was injured while directing the firemen who extinguished the fire. — United Press.

### COLD SNAP SWEEPS U.S.

#### Snow In New York

Chicago, Nov. 29. The season's first big cold wave swept into Florida today and was expected to bring frost to croplands and chase bathers off the Miami beaches.

To the north, meanwhile, Buffalo, New York, sagged under a four-foot snowfall that closed schools and crippled the city's business activity. A rush of home fires broke out, taking at least 13 lives.

At Charles Town, West Virginia, a father and three children perished when a fire, believed caused by an overheated stove, destroyed their home.

Four children and their grandfather died in a home fire in Cheshire, Massachusetts, and a mother and her three small children perished at Cassio, Rock, Washington.

Miami basked under a sunny sky today but a nippy north wind started and the temperature was expected to drop to 53 by tomorrow, enough to chase most tourists off the beaches.

The cold wave covered most of the U.S. east of the Rockies, with sub-zero blasts in the far north and readings of 20 or lower as far south as Oklahoma, Arkansas, Tennessee and the Carolinas.

Montana rained the country's icebox. Coldest reported spot in the country was Glasgow, Montana, with one below zero. — United Press.

### STORM HAVOC IN PHILIPPINES

## 26 Killed, Thousands Homeless

Manila, Nov. 30.

Twenty-six people were killed when twin storms struck the central and southern Philippines yesterday.

It was believed to be the most disastrous storm in the area's history.

An undetermined number of people were missing and thousands were made homeless as steady rain flooded roads and disrupted communications and transport and caused rivers and brooks to rise in eight provinces.

Damage to public and private properties, including crops, was estimated at about \$200,000.

A breakdown of the casualties showed that nine died in Zamboanga del Norte, seven in Cebu, five in Sulu, four in Negros Oriental and one in Bohol. Most of the deaths were by drowning.

Dr. Feliciano Cruz, manager of the Philippine National Red Cross, said the worst-hit areas appeared to be Zamboanga City, Zamboanga del Norte and Negros Oriental.

#### AIRLIFTING SUPPLIES

He said reports from Red Cross stations showed that in the three areas alone about 1,200 houses were destroyed while about 10,000 people were made homeless by floods.

Weather forecasts show the Red Cross would airlift supplies to the worst-hit areas.

The two depression developed at about the same point about 100 miles apart on November 26. One followed a westward course of destruction cutting across Surigao, Misamis Oriental, and where it swept into Zamboanga.

The other cut across Leyte where it continued on November 28 and then veered northwest to reaching from where it moved on Luzon, and Central Luzon. Last night the weather bureau reported that under heavy rain, the moving southwest of Manila, moving northwest toward Quezon province with 50 mph steady winds.

Also in Luzon, the Royal Observatory issued a gale warning and heavy rain was reported. A heavy rain was reported within 60 miles of and N. Lake Taal, moving north, or more accurately west at about six knots. — United Press and Reuter.

### Turkish Cabinet Resigns

Istanbul, Nov. 29.

All the members of the Turkish cabinet resigned tonight except the Premier Mr. Adnan Menderes who will form a new government. — Reuter.

### MP Critical Of Loopholes In Embargo

London, Nov. 29.

Mr. Reginald Sorensen, Labour MP, told the House of Commons today there were "bitter complaints" from Malaysia and Hongkong that rubber was being re-exported to "certain countries" — presumably Communist China — by countries not in the United Nations embargo list.

He said a good deal of rubber went through Czechoslovakia, Mr. Sorensen said.

Mr. Sorensen said that, in addition to the Board of Trade, and there was possibly some re-exporting but he had no evidence that the purpose of Britain's controls was being seriously frustrated.

The Government, he said, enforced the controls wherever possible, though he was not saying they were foolproof. — Reuter.

### QUADS BORN

Alma, Georgia, Nov. 29.

Quadruplets each weighing about three pounds were born today to Mrs. E. E. Nelson, a 34-year-old farm wife of Georgia.

The quadruplets, three girls and a boy, were born within 20 minutes.

Mrs. Nelson exclaimed "what in the world am I going to do with them. It's hard enough to take care of the ones I already have." She and her farmer husband have six other children. — Reuter.

### French Return To UN Assembly

New York, Nov. 29.

France returned to the United Nations General Assembly today.

M. Herve Alphand, the French permanent representative to the United Nations, headed the delegation as it made its first appearance in the General Assembly since walking out on September 30 in protest against the decision to inscribe Algeria on the agenda. — Reuter.

### More Big Four Talks In 1956?

Washington, Nov. 29.

A new Big Four foreign ministers conference may be held early next year, Democratic Senator Walter George of Georgia said today.

Senator George, who is Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he believed the talks might take place at the British Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden visited President Eisenhower next year. — Reuter.

### "WE'RE READY FOR WAR" SAYS EGYPT

Damascus, Nov. 29.

The commander of the joint Egyptian and Syrian military forces said today both nations are ready to "launch a war of liberation against Israel whenever public opinion of both countries demands it."

Egyptian General Abdul Hakim Amer, Commander-in-Chief of Syrian and Egyptian forces joined together in a recent military agreement, said at a press conference that the forces of both nations are sufficient "to strike down any full-scale Israeli aggression on either country."

He said that the combined armies would retaliate with force if Israel should make a "violent attempt" to challenge Egypt's blockade on the Jewish port of Eilat on the Gulf of Aqaba.

General Amer has spent three days in Syria inspecting military installations. He was named commander in chief of the two nations' forces following the signing of a bilateral defence agreement.

He said at the conference that both Egypt and Syria have taken steps towards the "practical implementation" of the defence pact, which calls for joint military measures to check any Israeli aggression on either country. — United Press.

### Five Young Girls On Murder Charge

Akron, Ohio, Nov. 29.

First-degree murder charges were filed today against the five teen-age girls accused of murdering a matron while escaping from the Summit County detention home on Sunday.

In what is described as routine legal procedure, the Municipal Court turned the girls over to the Juvenile Court after the warrants were read. A hearing is scheduled for the Juvenile Court tomorrow.

### Five Young Girls On Murder Charge

It must release its jurisdiction over the girls before the Grand Jury can indict them for the strangulation murder.

All five of the girls were back in custody last night, 24 hours after they had overpowered Mrs. Zula Bonham, 55, while she was making her evening check.

They bound her and forced ammonia-soaked rags into her mouth before fleeing through a back door. — United Press.

Mrs. Bonham, a divorcee, had been planning to re-marry on Thursday.

The last fugitive, Mrs. Zula Bonham, 55, gave herself up last night. The other four either were captured or had surrendered earlier in the day. They were released when captured and said they were surprised that Mrs. Bonham died.

Mrs. Zula Bonham, 55, said she was a good matron and "like a mother" to the girls. — United Press.

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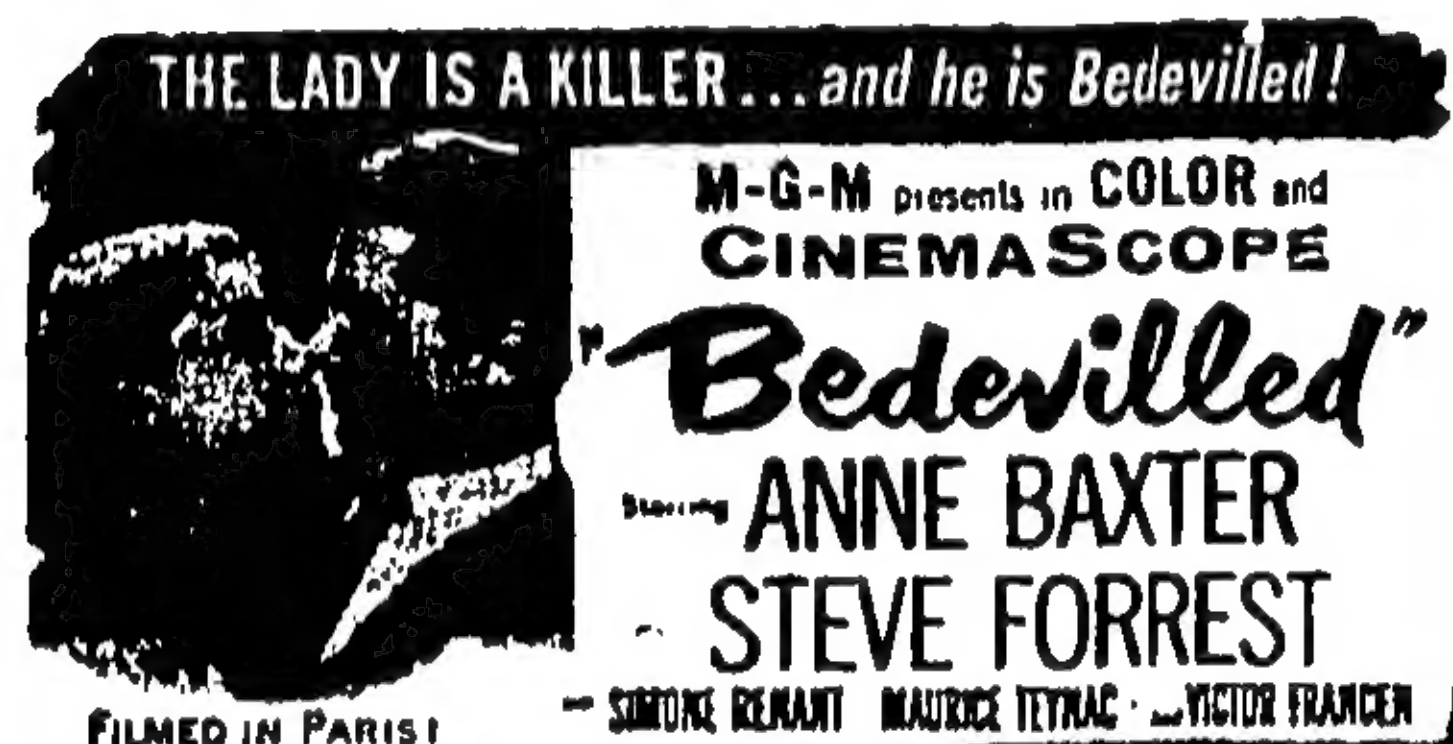


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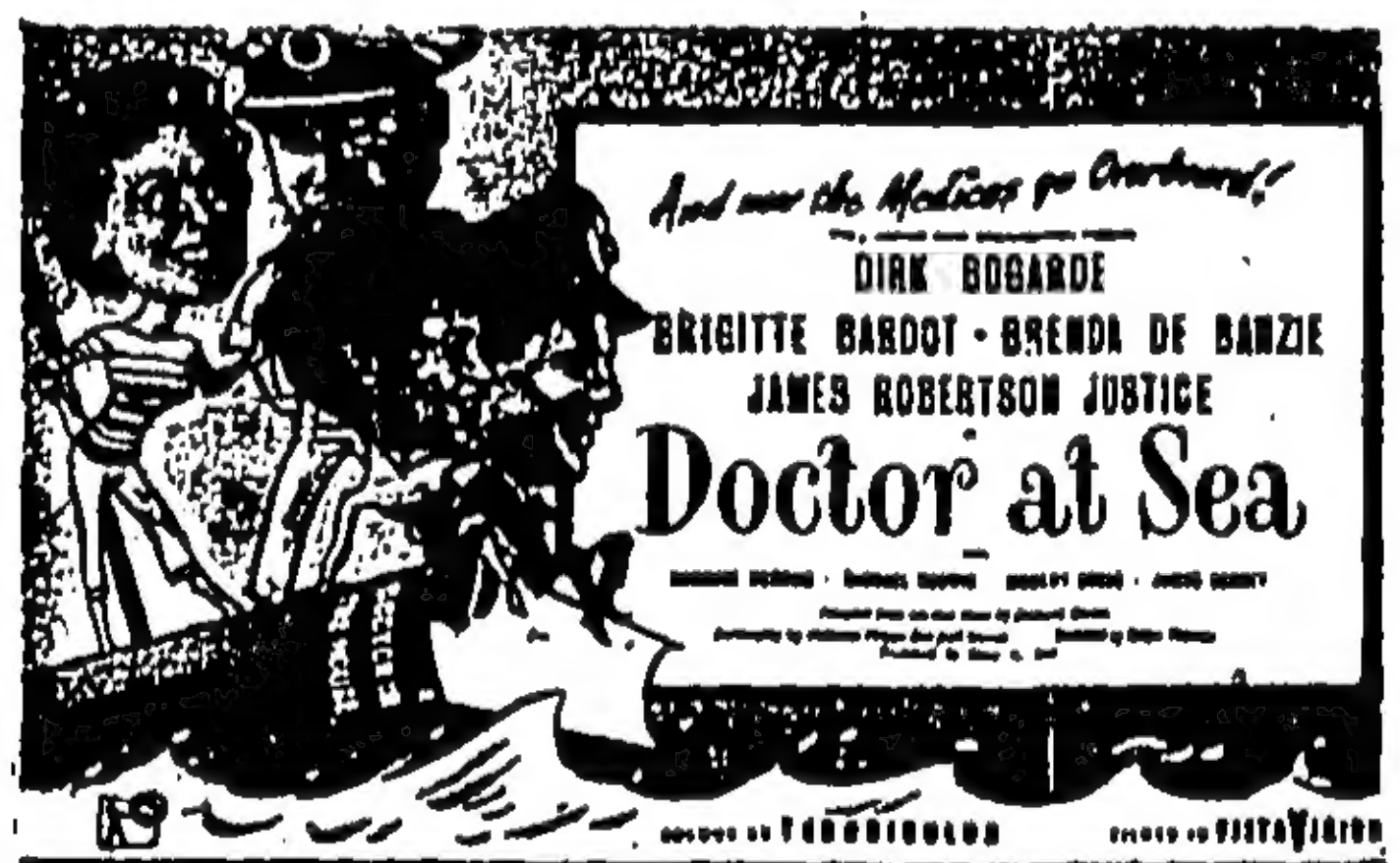


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## NO BREAK WITH FRANCE SAYS SULTAN

# Both countries need each other for own good

Rabat, Nov. 29.

Sultan Sidi Mohammed Ben Youssef of Morocco told a Moroccan Radical Party delegation here today that the impending independence of the country would not mean a break with France.

Ben Youssef declared: "I am more conscious than anyone that the Morocco of tomorrow cannot be built without the help of France. The independence which Morocco will enjoy does not mean at all that there will be a break, rupture or an abandonment. On the contrary, Morocco needs France as France needs Morocco."

81 TODAY



Harrow Hat

Cake For Churchill's Birthday

London, Nov. 29.

A pink and white sugar replica of the Williamsburg (Virginia) Bell will top Sir Winston Churchill's 81st birthday cake tomorrow.

The bell will recall the newly created diploma awarded to the famous British wartime leader by the Williamsburg Colonial Association for having "laid the foundations of liberty and justice." With the diploma went a gift of US\$10,000.

The sugar bell will hang over a cake made in the shape of a Harrow public school straw hat, edged with dark blue ribbon, at worn by Sir Winston during his illustrious schooldays.

The former British Premier will spend tomorrow quietly with Lady Churchill in their London home, near Hyde Park.

Going To Commons

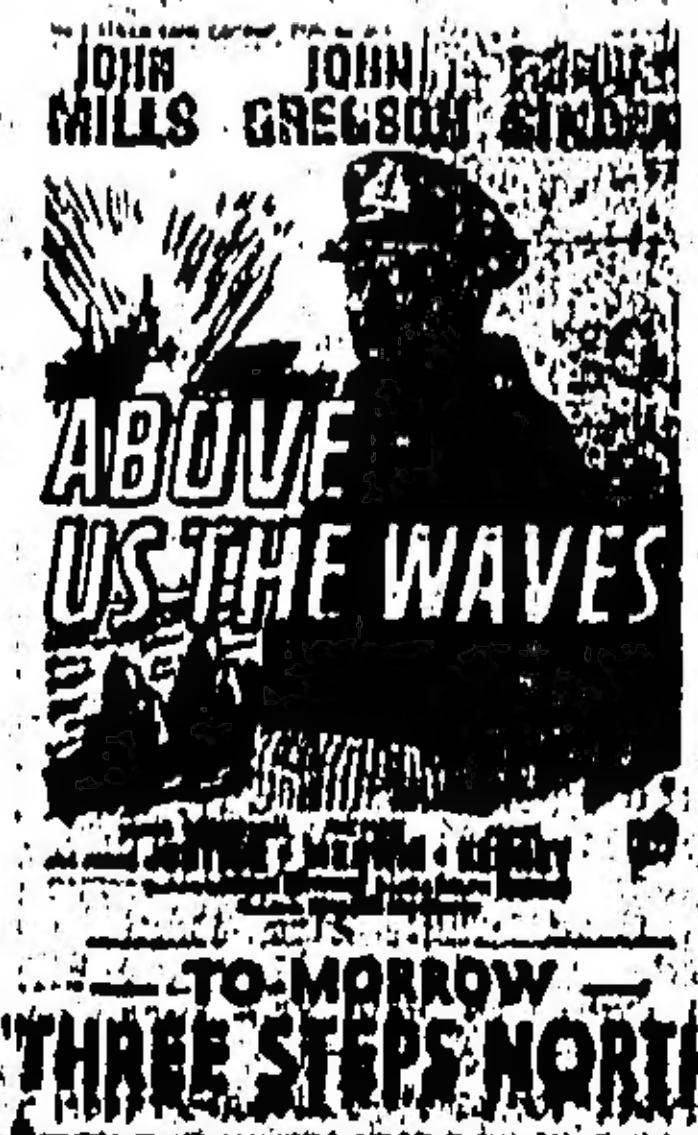
They will have a few intimate guests for lunch, after which Sir Winston will go to the House of Commons for the first time since the opening session of Parliament.

Sir Winston learned today that the fund opened a year ago to mark his 80th birthday has now closed at a total of £250,000. He will shortly receive a bound parchment book inscribed with the names of the 300,000 subscribers.

Sir Winston has said that he intends to use the gift to convert his country home, Chartwell, into a museum.—France-Press.

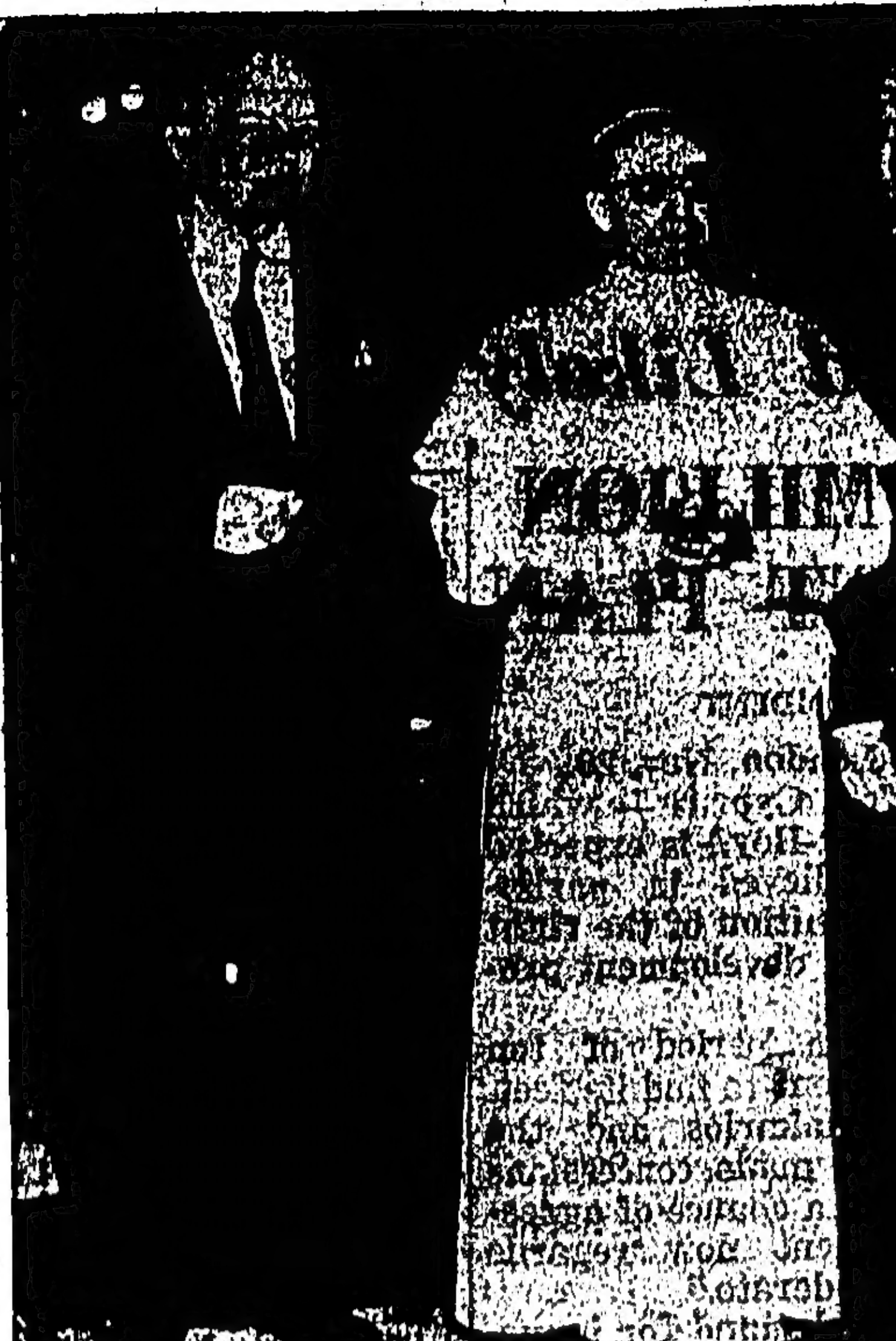
## MAJESTIC

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TO-MORROW THREE STEPS NORTH

## Pope Meets Stassen



His Holiness Pope Pius XII and US Foreign Aid Administrator Harold Stassen met at Castel Gandolfo, recently, when the Pope received Mr Stassen in audience. Picture shows them during the meeting.—Express Photo.

## Randolph Turpin Sued For Assault

New York, Nov. 29.

A woman was stated in court here today to have been told by the British boxer, Randolph Turpin, that she was "a complete slave to his lust and passion," and to have become convinced he was "a jungle beast."

The woman, Mrs Adele Daniels, 30, is suing Turpin for \$100,000 damage for assault alleged to have been committed in September 1953, when the boxer was training here for his fight with world champion Carl "Bobo" Olson.

Her counsel, Mr J. Roland Sale, said Turpin, 27, had told her they would be married immediately after the fight. Then on September 24, he had attempted to choke her in his flat, threw her on the bed and raped her.

Went Back

He said that when Mrs Daniels regained consciousness, Turpin was sobbing hysterically and saying he must have been mad. But after the Olson fight, he had insisted on going back to her flat and there asked her to commit an unnatural act with him.

When she refused, he punched her and kicked her, Mr Sala said. The damages Turpin had inflicted on Miss Daniels were "infinitely more severe than death," he alleged.

On October 24, in the presence of his brother and trainer, Turpin pushed Miss Daniels and used abusive language, Mr Sala said.

On October 25, he slapped Miss Daniels and grabbed her by the neck, causing her to fall down. Then, he kicked her.

Mr Sala said that Miss Daniels was convinced that Turpin had turned from a Dr Jekyll into a Mr Hyde, "into a jungle beast."

Mr Sala said Miss Daniels suffered nervous and psychiatric upset and depression as a result of the assault, and a paralysis of the left side of her face as a result of blows.

by Turpin, which caused her face to have a twisted expression when she had occasion to smile.

During the direct examination of Miss Daniels, Turpin's lawyers repeatedly objected to Mr Sala's questioning the witness about what had happened between her and Turpin before 1953. Their objections were frequently sustained by the judge.

The court adjourned until later today.—China Mail Special.

## Berlin Still Under Four-Power Control

Berlin, Nov. 29.

A West Berlin Senate spokesman said tonight that all Berlin is still under four-power control despite statements made earlier today by the Soviet Commander in Berlin, General P. Dibrova.

General Dibrova, speaking during a meeting with the United States Commander, General Charles Dasher, had said that East Berlin is not an occupied part of East Germany. General Dasher contested the statement.

The spokesman said the Senate wholly approved General Dasher's point of view and added: "Berlin's four-power status cannot be altered by a unilateral declaration."

Meantime, an American spokesman said General Dibrova had made it clear to General Dasher that he regarded East Germany as a sovereign state, recognised by the Soviet Union, with East Berlin as its capital.

The spokesman said General Dibrova told General Dasher he was acting as a go-between, because the United States did not recognise East Germany.—France-Press.

The Sultan also received delegations of French organisations in Morocco, women members of the Moroccan Democratic Independence Party (PDI), members of the National Socialist Party and sections of the Moroccan press.

## Long Meeting

Sr Bekkai, who at the Sultan's request is exploring with the various Moroccan political parties the possibility of forming a new government, today saw a delegation of the PDI Party.

At the end of their meeting, the PDI Secretariat issued a statement calling for an international conference on Morocco by all the signatories of the Algerian Pact.

The aim of the conference, the statement said, would be the complete independence and unity of the whole of Morocco.

Sr Bekkai, who also had a long meeting with the Istiqlal Nationalist leaders, will inform the Sultan tomorrow of the result of the talks.

The new French Resident-General of Morocco, M. Andre Louis Dubois, today saw Senator J. Leonetti, representing Frenchmen in Morocco, and also leaders of the Algerian Association in Morocco. He leaves tomorrow for a three-day tour of the trouble-ridden Fez, Rix and Meknes areas.

## Prisoners Taken

I was told here today that a rebel 10-man supply column was taken prisoner yesterday in the Tizi Ouzi-Boured area.

The Commander-in-Chief of the French forces in Morocco, General G. L. M. Bourquand, left Rabat today for Paris to report to the National Ministry of Defence.—France-Press.

## Some Nations Not Abiding By Bandung 5 Principles

New Delhi, Nov. 29.

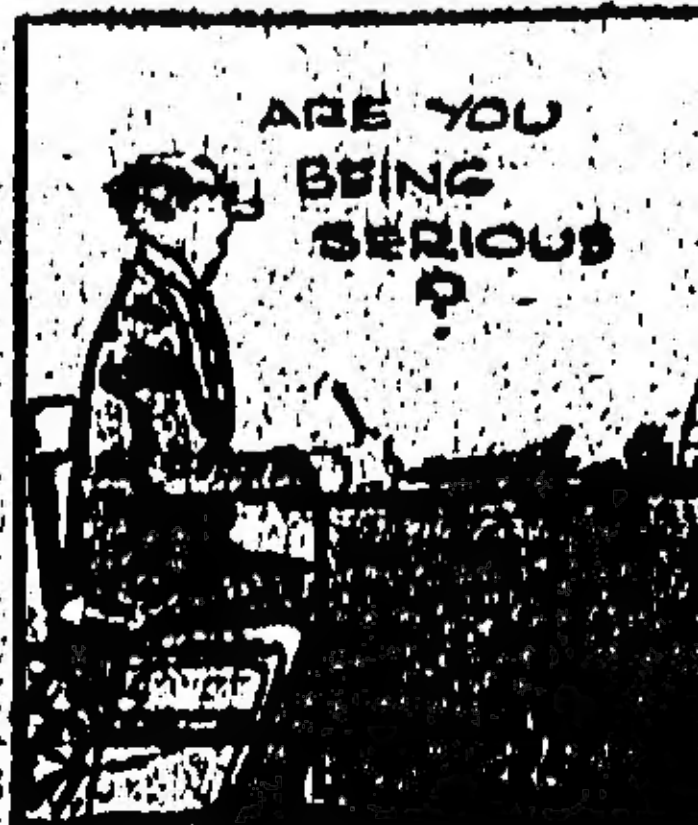
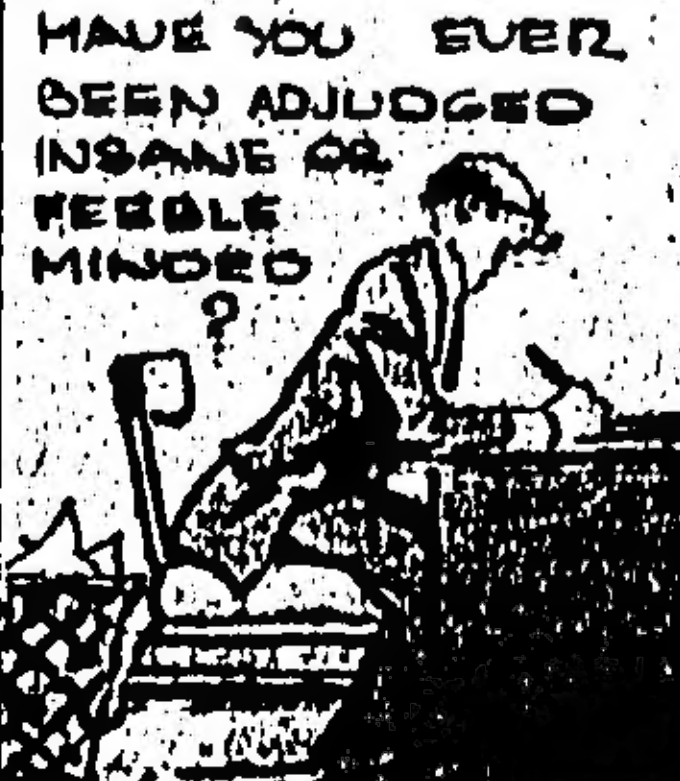
The Indian Prime Minister, Mr Jawaharlal Nehru, said today that he regretted the fact that certain nations with subscribed to the "five principles" of co-existence, adopted by the Bandung Asian-African conference, did not abide by the Bandung declaration in actual practice.

Mr Nehru, speaking at a reception in honour of visiting King Saud of Saudi Arabia, condemned the armaments race which he said was going on between certain countries.

The Prime Minister said the five principles of mutual non-aggression, mutual non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries, etc., were the only principles which could save the world from destruction.

He said that 30 nations have so far subscribed to the principles, and as more countries joined a new world faith and hope were emerging.—France-Press.

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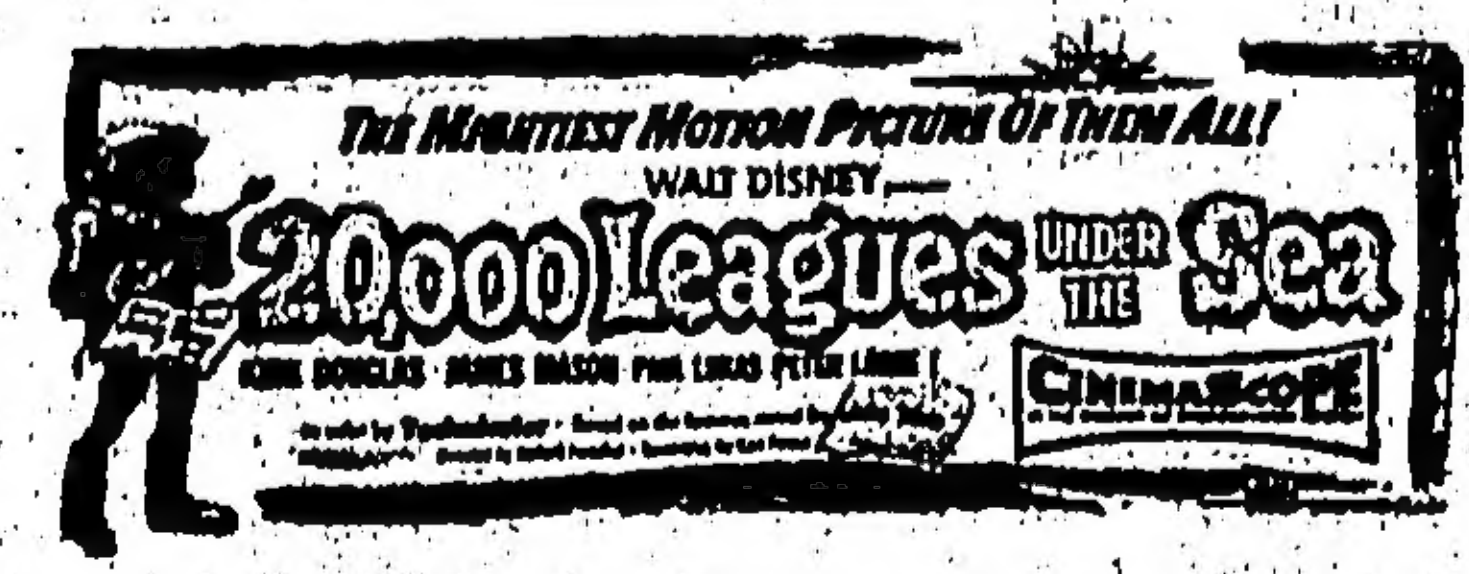
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# Foreign Aid Director Against Any Cuts

## WORLD CONDITIONS NOT SUITABLE

### Reserve Fund Needed

Washington, Nov. 29.

The director of the International Co-operation Administration (ICA), Mr John Hollister, said today that he did not see how the United States could cut foreign aid spending next year in view of present world conditions.

In addition to ruling out any substantial cut in the present spending level of \$2,703,000,000 per year, the foreign aid chief said the government may decide it needs a reserve fund to be used in meeting emergencies which could arise abroad.

Mr Hollister gave his assessment of the foreign aid picture at a luncheon meeting of the Overseas Writers Club.

Mr Hollister said the increased Soviet psychological campaign in the Middle East and South Asia, accompanied by promises of economic aid to the "neutral" countries of the area, was a serious change of tactics which should be watched closely.

The US, however, has no intention at present to try to outbid the Russians in making promises to underdeveloped nations, he said.

Mr Hollister noted that during the past two years Russia had made numerous aid offers, but declared that so far Soviet talk had been big and delivery on promises had been rather small.

For that reason, he declared, the US was waiting to see whether the new offensive was

backed up by any concrete aid assistance.

The foreign aid chief confirmed that his agency had withdrawn some money from various country programmes to set up a \$100,000,000 reserve fund for the current fiscal year.

### Sound Banking

He said a reported reduction in aid to India from \$50,000,000 to \$40,000,000 was caused by such a withdrawal.

He declared, however, that this was merely sound banking practice and it emerged as not debiting the reserve the money would go back into the original country programmes from which it was withdrawn.

Mr Hollister said he was convinced that nothing was more important for the US than the way the foreign aid programme was handled. The US is ready for war of course, he asserted, but hoped it could be averted. Averting war, he continued, might depend largely on how the US handles its funds and friends abroad.

### Some Hope

He gave some hope of minor administrative savings in the aid programme next year, declaring that periphery cuts could always be accomplished because of the wasteful and expensive nature of any bureaucracy.

But he held out no hope of any real reduction in the programme itself. Foreign aid during the current fiscal year ending next June 30 is set at \$2,703,000,000, of which \$1,022,000,000 is military and the remainder economic and technical aid. —United Press.

## Portugal Calls For Text Of Bulganin's Speech

London, Nov. 29.

A PORTUGUESE spokesman said here today that Portugal has asked for an "authoritative" and "official" text of Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin's speech on Goa.

The move reflected the anger of Lisbon at Marshal Bulganin's Madras speech, which another Portuguese official called Russia's "first open declaration of policy" on Goa.

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Informal sources said here Portugal has taken a "serious notice" of the speech.

They said the Soviet leader's declaration "at this juncture and in a country that is a party to the dispute (India) may make the issue more complicated than ever."

A full-dress Portuguese Cabinet meeting may be held this week to discuss Marshal Bulganin's speech, it was learned, and a reply may be given to the Communist leaders. —United Press.

## Clothes Too Glittering For Soviet Star

Paris, Nov. 29.

Visiting blonde Soviet film star, Ludmila Tsilkovskaya, looked in on the dazzling collection of a famous Parisian dress designer today and said primly: "Clothes should not be more beautiful than woman. They should highlight but not eclipse her."

Miss Tsilkovskaya, who with a group of Soviet film actors and producers, is on a week's visit to Paris, preferred the dark soberly cut tailored suits in the collection to some of the more exotic models.

### Fell For Mink

The Soviet actress, wearing high-heeled court shoes, a tiny hat and fur, was clearly impressed by dresses trimmed in fur, dyed in unusual shades of olive green or dove-beige.

Film-producer Vladimir Davydov fell for a completely reversible mink and ermine coat, the most expensive of the collection.

But when the finale of the fashion parade approached with its glittering ball-dresses of gold silver spangled brocade, he said, echoing Miss Tsilkovskaya's uneasiness: "They are very beautiful, but one should not make a religion of dress. A garment should after all be practical." —France-Press.

## Imam Of Oman Says He Has Trespassers

Cairo, Nov. 29.

The Imam of Oman (South-east Arabia) appealed tonight to the Arab League and the 28 African-Asian nations who attended the Bandung conference to help him throw out the British who he claims have invaded the village of Yanjun on his territory.

The Imam's representative to the Arab League, Sheikh Ibrahim Athien, delivered the appeal in a note to the Assistant Secretary of the Arab League in Beirut, Dr. Rafi Bekdash, addressed to all members of the League.

The note also demanded that the British should be expelled from the village of Yanjun and that the British should be expelled from the village of Yanjun.

## TWIN AIR HOSTESSES SEE ETERNAL CITY



Traditional-costumed twin sisters Britti and Kersti Stahle, 24, air hostesses of the Scandinavian Airlines, as they make a sightseeing tour of the Italian capital. The twins arrived in Rome recently for a short stay to celebrate the first anniversary of the Europe-America air route over the North Pole. —Express Photo.

## Yugoslavia's 10th Anniversary As A Communist Nation

## TITO REVIEWS ACHIEVEMENTS

Belgrade, Nov. 29.

President Tito declared today that Yugoslavia intended to continue her policy of the past decade — "to co-operate and live in friendship with all the other nations inspired by goodwill and honest intentions."

Speaking at a Cabinet meeting here to mark the 10th anniversary of the country's birth as a Communist republic he said they were determined their achievements "should not be soiled in any way."

In his speech quoted by the official Tanjug agency, he said "ten years of activity on the ruins of that Yugoslavia which was created at Versailles (the 1919 treaty which set up Yugoslavia as an independent state) can compare with a whole epoch in the life of a nation."

### Comparison

"This comparison can be made regarding events and successes in which this short period abounds. It is an example which could not be found outside historic revolutionary transformations."

He said that in its ten years' existence the republic had built hundreds of factories, power stations, schools, scientific institutes and residential buildings and laid thousands of miles of new railways and highways which increasingly gave Yugoslavia the features of a modern state.

To mark the anniversary President Tito had earlier promoted a number of army officers and 600 minor criminals were given an amnesty. A Soviet aircraft landed in the capital today to open a four-time weekly service to and from Moscow operated by the Soviet airlines Aeroflot. —Reuters.

London, Nov. 29. The British Board of Trade announced today that individual licences will be issued for imports from Japan of canned and bottled mandarin oranges and canned crab.

Licences will be valid until September 30, 1956. Down individual licences previously issued for imports of oranges and crab.

## Lack Of White House Leadership Says CIO Chief

New York, Nov. 29.

CIO president Walter Reuther today sharply criticised the Eisenhower Administration for what he termed "absence of real leadership from the White House."

Charging that the Administration favours "special interests," Mr Reuther deplored the plight of farmers who, he said, purchase a large share of the goods that labourers produce.

This purchasing power must be maintained, he said, unless the nation is to be led into a "farm-led depression." Mr Reuther's criticism was contained in his annual report to the 17th CIO convention, which opens tomorrow. He said the forthcoming merger of the CIO and AFL, to embrace 16,100,000 working men and women, will make labour one of the most powerful forces in the nation.

### Obstacles Created

Against this background, Mr Reuther called for a legislative programme providing for "more equitable" tax laws, more homes, more schools, better highways and amendment of the Taft-Hartley law.

He said the 84th Congress has been "handicapped by the absence of real leadership from the White House and by actual obstacles created by the Administration forces." He charged that the Administration has favoured "special interests" and deplored the plight of farmers who, he said, purchase a large share of the goods that labourers produce.

## Radiation Increases In European Skies

London, Nov. 29.

Radiation in the skies over Europe has increased "substantially" in the past few days—following the explosion of Russia's latest atomic and hydrogen bomb. "Large" increases in the radioactive content of the air over Germany and Paris was reported yesterday.

Today a spokesman for the British Atomic Energy Authority reported "substantially more" radioactivity in the upper stratosphere—around 50,000 feet—than usual. The Soviet announcement last Saturday of the experiment said the thermobaric nuclear device had been exploded at "very high" altitude.

### Not Dangerous

No increase in radiation at ground-level was reported in Britain. Radioactive dust was apparently blown over the country faster than it could fall to the ground.

The increase throughout Europe has not been reported as dangerous.

The biggest increase in radioactivity was reported in Japan, where the central meteorological observatory said that two waves of radiation swept over Japan from two separate nuclear explosions. The Soviets announced detonation of both atomic and hydrogen devices.

Japanese scientists believe that radioactivity hits the country from four to five days after an atomic or hydrogen explosion.

### Dead Gulls Found

A "slight" increase in radiation was reported today in Copenhagen, according to a spokesman for Copenhagen's Radio-physical Laboratory.

In Hamburg today, police were alerted to look for birds caught in the fall-out from the explosion.

Two dead sea gulls with identifying leg bands marked "Moscow" were found in the city and turned over to the Wildlife Protection Office. Director Carl Duesch said it was possible the birds died from radiation.

An investigation is under way to determine whether the birds actually did die from radiation, Herr Duesch said.

The Hamburg police action started as increased radioactivity was reported from observer stations throughout the Continent.

The University of Heidelberg reported radioactivity in the air showed the Soviet experiment must have been "very powerful." The German electromagnetic stations at Frankfurt and Stuttgart reported something similar to an earthquake hit the Kamchatka area in central Asia on November 28.

### Keep Lookout

Scientists held it likely that the electromagnetic waves recording the atomic explosion, and not an earthquake, despite the fact the Russians said the nuclear device was exploded at great height.

Hamburg police confirmed that all units had been ordered to keep a lookout for "atomic birds."

Herr Henry Makowski, chief of the Lucenburg Bird Protection Station, said it was "not

## King Saud 'A Messenger Of Peace'

New Delhi, Nov. 29.

King Saud of Saudi Arabia left here for a two-day visit to Simla. He was accompanied by a retinue of more than 100, including nine princes, ten ministers and seven deputy ministers.

King Saud was seen off at the station by President Rajendra Prasad, Prime Minister Nehru and top Indian dignitaries and members of the diplomatic corps.

Earlier today, King Saud attended a huge reception given in his honour by the Jamiat Ulema Muslim Welfare Organisation, and attended by thousands of Muslims who greeted him as "a messenger of peace."

Later King Saud attended a mounted display given in his honour by the President's bodyguard, an organisation of six and-a-half-foot tall horsemen, clad in flaming red tunics.

King Saud gave a royal banquet to honour Indian officials and members of the diplomatic corps. It is expected that King Saud will leave Bombay for Saudi Arabia on December 12. —France-Press.

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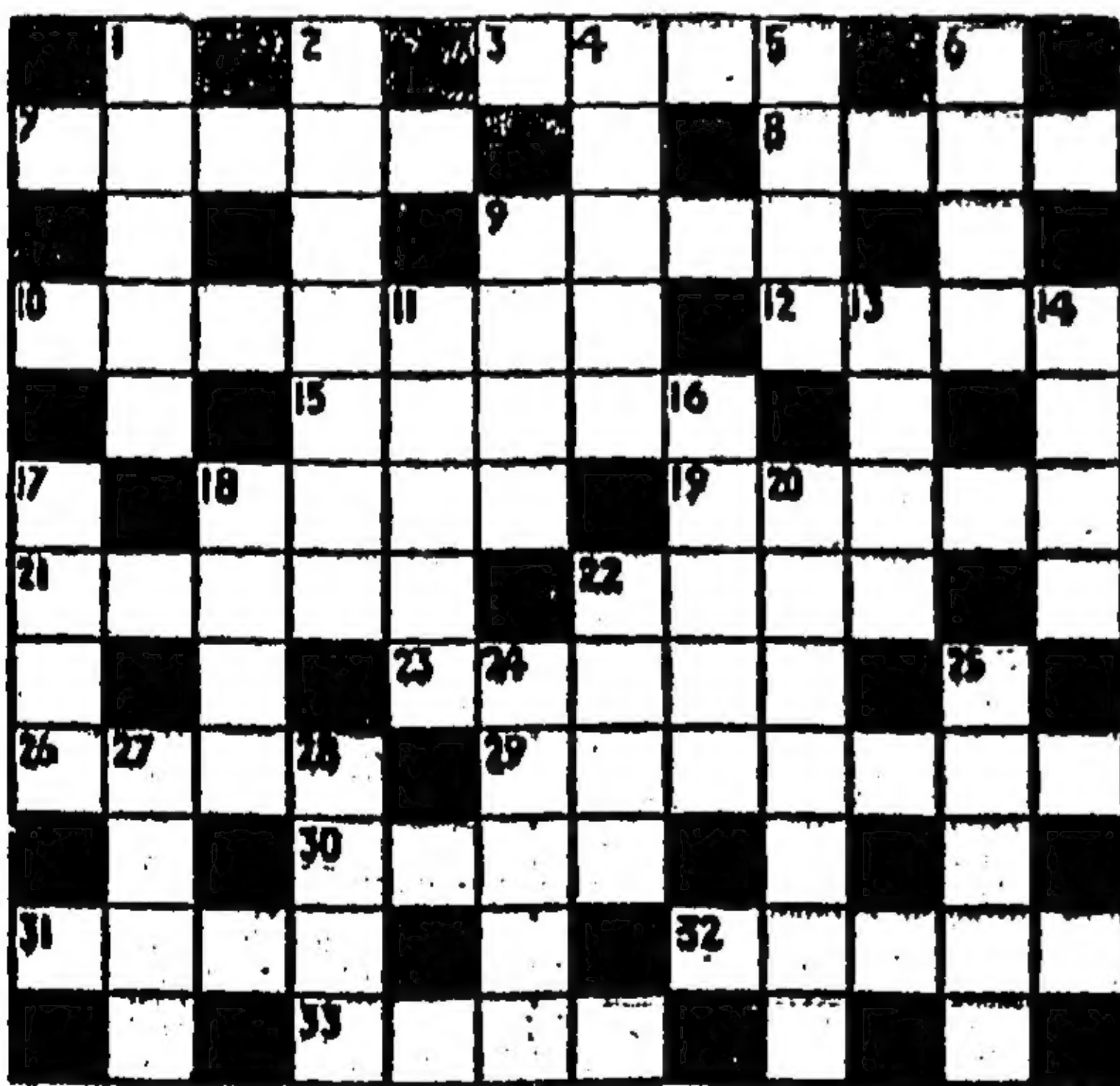
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  - 3 Way out (4).
  - 4 Spite (4).
  - 5 Apeared (7).
  - 6 Mature (4).
  - 7 Weary (6).
  - 8 Demystified (4).
  - 9 Sent (6).
  - 10 Furlonged (6).
  - 11 Relate (4).
  - 12 Drain (6).
  - 13 Storage chamber (4).
  - 14 Wine (7).
  - 15 Principal (4).
  - 16 Run away (4).
  - 17 Supply (6).
  - 18 Caps (4).
- DOWN**
- 1 Footwear (5).
  - 2 Principal town (7).
  - 3 Commence (6).
  - 4 Equal (4).
  - 5 Flaccid (4).
  - 6 Lake (4).
  - 7 Trees (6).
  - 8 Metal (4).
  - 9 Merit (4).
  - 10 Drugged (6).
  - 11 Requisite (4).
  - 12 Hard work (4).
  - 13 Steers (7).
  - 14 Bird (4).
  - 15 Reclines (6).
  - 16 Couple (6).
  - 17 Unemployed (4).
  - 18 Sign (4).

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 1. Moray, 7. Earl, 9. Malt, 10. Bonds, 11. Idea, 12. Distribute, 13. Erin, 14. Glee, 15. Barriers, 16. Trot, 17. Omen, 18. Killa, 19. Lay, 20. Helped, 21. Down, 22. Omen, 23. Apeared, 24. Spite, 25. Apeared, 26. Apeared, 27. Apeared, 28. Apeared, 29. Apeared, 30. Apeared, 31. Apeared, 32. Apeared, 33. Apeared.



# NATHANIEL GUBBINS

**G**OOD morning, Dregs. This means you coughing over your first cigarette, you in your dressing-gown trying to light the fire in your front room, you making the morning tea, and even lucky, respectable, well-off you with a butler to make the tea and a valet to get you dolled up for church.

Dregs, that's your new name, ex-capitalist swine, dogs, hyenas, and canbals.

It was Mr. M. Melov who called us all dregs. So this is the last time he will be called "M." or even "Melov," by this dreg. Hurling insult for insult, he will be called what he looks like—a Pseudo in Pseudo-ness.

The Pseudo in Pseudo-ness said he could no longer agree to freedom for the exchange of persons (between Russia and the West) because it would enable certain dregs of society to enter his sacred paradise.

Which means that anybody who is not a Communist, or who is not an admirer of Communism, is a dreg.

My dictionary says a dreg is a small, round, and polished object. So now you know. You smelt.

## Pincher dregs

**A**CCORDING to Dreg Patricia Keggan, writing in a newspaper, the male dregs of Italy are as foul as they come.

She went to Rome believing all the propaganda about Italian gallantry and found the young men boorish, vain, always "combing their hair in public and pushing girls over a scumble to get the only vacant seat in a bus."

Even their approach to women was hardly gallant, Dreg Keggan reports.

"Italian women may feel flattered to count their conquests by the number of their pinch bruises, but I found it rather painful."

As one who has never pinched anybody or anything (unless you count a pair of Army socks out of the quartermaster's stores) I have never understood the pinching technique.

Why do male dregs think female dregs like being pinched as if they were Christmas turkeys? Do they imagine that love blooms with the first agonising nip and blossoms as the bruises grow?

Why do Latin women allow themselves to be pinched without pinching back or, as girls are now so athletic, swinging a right hook at the pincher?

The last time my Life Partner, the Plucky Little Woman was shopping in Paris she was pinched so hard and so often that she thought she was being followed by a live lobster.

When she saw the reflection of the lobster in a shop window it turned out to be an extremely odd, white-bearded French dreg wearing a beret and a feline angle.

The P.L.W. suffered one more pinch and then stepped hard on an ancient corn with a high-heeled shoe, rejecting in the scuffle about that rang down the rue de la Paix.

## Englishman's Home

**S**IXTY-FIVE-YEAR-OLD Fred Dregs of the capitalist world are said to be so weary of being treated by their wives as "unpaid lackeys" and being for ever in the way at home that some of them have offered to work in offices for nothing.

In a suburban home an unpaid lackey-dreg is sitting by the fire trying to read a newspaper after washing up the breakfast crockery. His wife orders with the vacuum cleaner.

"Go on. Up with your feet. My feet, dear?"

"How can I sweep the carpet with your feet on it?"

"But I swept it this morning, dear."

"And made it filthy again with your cigarette ash and dirty

boots. It's like cleaning up after a pig."

"My boots are dirty because I did the shopping, dear."

"And a nice mess you made of it, bringing back a joint full of bones. Does the butcher think we're a couple of dogs?"

"I didn't notice the bones, dear."

"And you didn't notice the stale eggs and the maggots in the apples either. Go on. Out of that chair."

"Out of my chair, dear?"

"I want to sweep behind it. And off that settee."

"Off the settee, too, dear?"

"And don't you dare go into the drawing-room rubbing my new covers with your disgusting trousers."

"Where can I go, dear?"

"Into the garden."

"But it's raining, dear."

"Just the right time to catch slugs. You'll find a tid and a packet of salt in the kitchen. Go on. Off you go."

## All British

**PRINCE** Ernst Augustus of Hannover, a dreg with at least ten European royal families, has become a British citizen overnight.

I am now expecting my old wartime cha-cha, Captain-General - Lance - Corporal von Stinkentouner and Herr Doktor von Schnellpantzen to claim British citizenship and arrive here wearing little Union Jacks in their buttonholes.

"You now also British vos?"

"Ya. I now also British vos."

"Der say der Kaiser British vos."

"Ya. Und maybe Hitler also British vos. Heil Hitler."

"Heil der Kaiser."

"Mein ancestor Richard der Lion Stomach vos."

"Poddon, but you haf der mistake made. Richard der heart of der lion haf, but der stomach of der lion haf not. Mein ancestor Jolly Prinz Charlie vos."

"Poddon, but you also haf der mistake made. Der Prinz Charlie not Jolly vos but Bonnie vos."

"Now we British vos we must der British games play and der British food eat."

"As you der descendant of der Scottish Charlie vos you must der eat toms und der haggis eat."

"As you der descendant of der English Richard vos you must der merry game of cricket play and der jolly baked beans on toast eat."

"Pils, but der jolly baked beans on toast I cannot digest."

"You will der jolly baked beans on toast digest. Dot an order vos. Heil Jolly Prinz Charlie."

"Heil Richard Lion Stomach."

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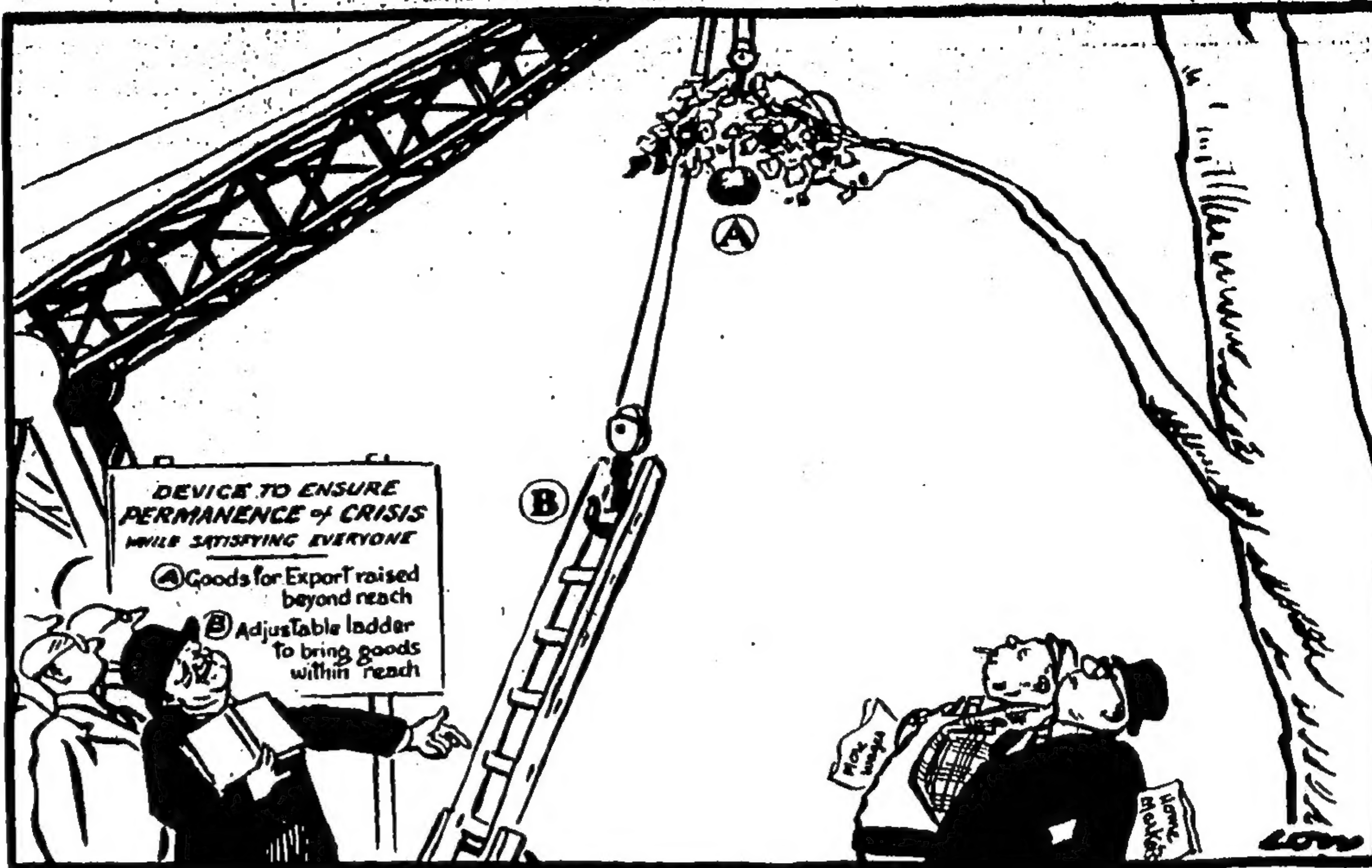
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INVENTIONS EXHIBITION

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# SAID HENRY FORD II— No, I haven't got a yacht and I work 9 to 6 for the fun of it

By William Hickey

**I**T took me a quarter of an hour to get from my restaurant to Claridges where I had an appointment with Henry Ford II.

In that time I suppose 20 or more cars had rolled off the Ford production lines all over the world... but then we have grown used to the marvel of mass-production in which his grandfather Henry Ford I brought into being.

But it wasn't the cars I was thinking of as I crossed the hall



HENRY FORD II

of the hotel, got into the lift, and walked along the corridor. I was thinking in terms of power... and especially in the terms of power that this Henry Ford II wielded.

They call Claridges the "hotel of kings" and this man Henry Ford II—notices the dynastic note in that title—wields the sort of power that kings used to have.

I went into the suite... the sitting-room was filled with pink roses and huge chrysanthemums. I could hear Ford's voice on the telephone in the next room. He came in... a big, tall man, good looking in a strongly masculine way. His manners were as easy as you would expect from a man who was born to power.

To him the exercise of it comes as naturally as it came in the old days to a Hapsburg or a Stuart.

I had met him briefly once or twice before, but as I told him, I wanted to hear him talk about himself.

## So able

**H**E is 36, and since he came to his inheritance 10 years ago the stories of his ability... the proof of it in the prosperity of his firm... have become too widespread to be attributed to a court of hangers-on.

"How many employees have you got altogether?" I asked. "Well, now," he replied, "I should say about 195,000 in the United States. And abroad well there are 45,000 in Britain. I should say about 100,000 outside America."

I thought of those figures for a minute. About 300,000 employees. Taking their dependants, about a million people throughout the world are involved in Ford's.

It is a staggering number. It is the population of a State. It is a greater number than the Medici, those great medieval traders, ruled over when they ruled in Florence and had their satellite cities.

## No ostentation

**A**S Ford spoke he jingled keys—not money—in his pocket. The keys to power; he doesn't worry about money.

And that made me wonder why this man works. Very hard.

"I got to the office about 9.15," he said. "And then, if I haven't any other appointments, I stay there until about 6.15. Do you have much social life?"

"Not in Detroit," he said. "You see, it is a provincial city, not like London or New York. It's mainly a family life there."

"I try to play bridge," he emphasised. "Try."

"Do you read much?"

"I never read a book," he replied. "I read magazines, newspapers, trade reports, and so on."

His house is not large. He has only three cars. I say only three because in the United States that is no great number.

There is a house at Palm Beach. Another at Southampton, Long Island.

But Henry Ford II seems to do none of the ostentatious spending that the old dollar millionaires indulged in—and that the new Texas oil millionaires still indulge in.

"No," he said. "I have no yacht. Taxes have made ostentation difficult."

We got back to work. "I love it," said Henry Ford II. "And so I don't find it hard work. If you don't like the work, you got no pleasure out of life. But I get a thrill out of it."

And there you are. That is why this enormously rich man works. He likes it.

## Power

**I**F this old grandfather had heard him say that, he would have been proud of him.

Of course, Henry Ford II's work is supremely interesting. "I look on my job," he said, "as choosing the right man. But—" and he smiled; "you don't always find out about a man until you give him a chance."

He is so quiet of voice, so easy and courteous, that at times it is difficult to realise that this is not only the inheritor of one of the greatest industrial empires of history—but also a man who in his 10 years of power has shown tremendous courage and a power of decision that has made him respected by all the other car manufacturers of Detroit.

The old Ford was hostile to unions. This Ford put through this summer a guaranteed wage plan with the union, that has been criticised by the old guard as "creeping Socialism."

"I'm no Socialist," said Ford. "But you've got to move with the times. You've got to deal with unions. I suppose you might say they are a product of bad management in the past."

## Three caps

**A**ND then Henry Ford talked about the issue of shares in the company to the public. It is a landmark in history, for old Ford nearly went broke at one

time in his determination not to raise money from Wall Street financiers.

But now at last shares in the concern—it is said to be worth well over 2,000 million dollars—are to be sold on the Stock Exchange.

"I wear three caps," he said to me. "I'm president of the company. I'm chairman of the Ford Foundation—that is the charitable trust which is offering the shares on the market. And I'm also a member of the family."

"I can understand," he continued, "that the Foundation, on which the family only have two seats in 12, wishes to diversify its portfolio—not have all its eggs in one basket."

"The Foundation is a fantastic thing," I said. "You give away sums like 50,000,000 dollars—just like that—to increase professors' salaries."

"Well," he said, "these Foundations have been called into being by the tax structure. But," I said, "although you have as a family only two seats, you carry great weight. It gives you a power of patronage greater than that of a medieval king."

He rubbed a large hand over his face. Was silent for a minute.

"You know," he said, "I've never looked at it that way before."

"I saw you the other evening," I ended, "between Sir Patrick Hennessy and Sir Rowland Smith, your two British chiefs... I thought the least we could do was to offer you an honorary knighthood or peerage."

After all, you are the boss. But Henry Ford II smiled and said: "They've done a great job. Wonderful work."

And he jingled his keys. And no doubt thought that the title Henry Ford II was quite imperial enough.

It is.

It is.

# A DESERT MISS DIOR TALKS OF HAREMS

From SYDNEY SMITH

**PRINCESS LALA AICHA**, aged 25 and eldest daughter of the newly restored Sultan of Morocco, has started a fight to abolish the veil and the harem and give the women of her father's desert kingdom the VOTE.

She herself has never worn the veil. How absurd it would look with those Paris creations Christian Dior makes for her.

She talked to me about her battle against the "traditionalists" in the garden of her private palace in Rabat, only a quarter of a mile from the white sugar-cake quarters where the 23 "Mesdames X" of her father's harem are installed.

Her long, wavy, copper-tinted hair tumbled loosely down six inches below her shoulders. Her firm mouth was strongly outlined with cyclamen lipstick.

She wore a man's gold wrist-watch and a signet ring with black marquetry framing a square diamond the size of a sixpence.

## DETERMINED

She was dressed in an immaculate tailored green tweed suit, no stockings, and high-heeled, shiny black shoes.

What chance does she stand of storming the citadel of Islamic law?

She starts off with a testimonial for determination from her brother, 25-year-old Prince Moulay Hassan.

He said: "She should have been born a man. When we were young and fought together kicking each other's shins she was always the toughest."

The princess herself said: "I'm starting women's organisations in all the main cities. Even under the new Constitution, I don't think we have much chance of abolishing the veil and getting the vote."

"You can't suddenly rip a veil off a woman and put her on horseback. Emancipation won't go very fast."

"Seventy-five per cent of Moroccan women have more or less reluctantly dropped the veil, but they're not happy about it. The best we can hope for is to see that their children are free to know better."

Anyway, she will encourage her father's women subjects by example.

## BACK DOOR

Before the sultan was exiled, the princess scandalised the Moroccans by being photographed in a scanty bathing costume.

She still rides, swims, and goes water-skiing.

I said what a pity she had not been able to see the demonstrations of rejoicing at her father's return in the last few days.

"Ah, but I have," said the Princess Aicha. "I've slipped out of the palace by a back gate by car and seen everything every day without being spotted."

The old die-hard traditionalists are going to have a tough time with Princess Independence.

## POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



"How I wish the papers would keep on altering their time-schedule up till now. Britain has always been famous for its 'on time' papers, and it's a shame to see the papers now so late."



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## The Oddities Of Learning

By LES ARMOUR

**BRITAIN'S** child psychologists have come up with some surprising answers about the causes that lie behind children's troubles with learning.

The Kent Education Committee has just prepared a report which is the result of three years' work at a string of child guidance clinics.

Here are two of the oddities the psychologists have discovered.

Children who don't do well at arithmetic probably don't get along with their fathers. Children who don't do well at reading tend to have what the psychologists call a "mother fixation."

How come? Well, the explanations make it all sound so odd and a little bit funny.

Arithmetic, for instance, is a dull subject. Children who don't get along with their fathers are better at subjects which provide an escape.

from the humdrum of life. But they don't buckle down and do their arithmetic. There's no magic in numbers—not for schoolboys, anyway.

And the reading? Just the reverse. Children who are coddled at home—and unable to break from their mothers—don't need any escape. So they don't take to reading the way children who aren't so comfortable are apt to do.

Any more questions? What about the child whose parents insist that he must always be top of his class. The psychologists shudder. Children like that are a sure source of trouble. They're so uneasy at school that they often have a rough time with everything.

What about parents? Usually, where there are problem children, the parents need some help. The psychologists say that the child who is a trouble-maker is often a reflection of the parents.







## CYCLING NOTES

## BECK PROVES THAT HE IS THE OUTSTANDING ALL-ROUND RIDER IN HONGKONG TODAY

By "NTACA"

If any proof were needed that Ron Beck is the outstanding all-round rider in the Colony today, it was provided by the manner of his victory in the 65 Miles Massed Start Race for the "NTACA" Cup, held on Sunday.

Breaking away from the leading group at 46 miles, he time-trialled his way to a brilliant solo win, over two and a half minutes ahead of the rest of the field. A sterling performance. The first of the four laps was fairly quiet until the first hill on the Golf Course road, when Beck and Ellingham sprinted away to tear the field apart into several small groups.

With these two went Marshall and Bould (REME), Foster and Doble (EXILES), and Rolt of the 7 Hussars. At the end of the first 16.4-mile lap, the leading seven had a lead of 30 seconds over Ng Shui-yue, who was followed at 15 seconds by a bunch of three, two SCAA boys, Lam Hong and Ng Kai-ming, with REME's Hazelton in close attendance.

Two was the leader of the day, exactly 43 minutes with the seven runners still together and having increased their lead to 4 minutes over the next group who had come up with Ng Shui-yue at the end of the first lap. The third lap saw the breakaway of Beck, Ellingham, and Lord and Lam Fook, both riding solo, with newcomer Spray (REME) and Chai a Man, chasing, bringing the race to a close. The third lap saw the breakaway of Beck, Ellingham, and Lord and Lam Fook, both riding solo, with newcomer Spray (REME) and Chai a Man, chasing, bringing the race to a close.

At two-minute intervals were Lord and Lam Fook, both riding solo, with newcomer Spray (REME) and Chai a Man, chasing, bringing the race to a close. The third lap saw the breakaway of Beck, Ellingham, and Lord and Lam Fook, both riding solo, with newcomer Spray (REME) and Chai a Man, chasing, bringing the race to a close.

## DELAYING TACTICS

The race was a close-run thing, but Beck's tactics of delaying the race by a few minutes, until he had taken the lead, were falling further back, the clever delaying tactics of Beck, Ellingham, and Lord and Lam Fook, both riding solo, with newcomer Spray (REME) and Chai a Man, chasing, bringing the race to a close.

## NEWCOMERS

From an unerring individual superiority of Ron Beck, and the Team supremacy of the REME CC, the race revealed three very interesting newcomers. Doble, the young rider, rode a magnificent

race, the best of his short career, and one which marks him as a rider to be watched. Hazelton, the REME boy, rode very well, showing a good team spirit and plenty of courage. All he has to do now is to improve his flatout speed and he will be among the "heats". The third of the trio of prospects, Spray, rode a slow race, but one full of interest. This was his first serious effort at racing, for he has been cycling for only a few weeks, he is exceptionally strong, with plenty of stamina, and with a little more experience should make a first-class addition to the REME Team. Bould showed a sprightly ability which is going to take him places in the future, while a welcome re-appearance was made by Foster, for a long time absent from our events. In the Team Championship competition, REME CC go into the lead, with 24 points to the 23 of their only close rivals, the South China Club.

Beck strengthens his hold on the "LORD" Bat. Al. Roulter Massed Start Shield, his 23 points being over double that of his nearest rival, Paddy Bouch, who has 11, third man Wilkinson, (now left the Colony) having 10.

The battle for the "SCMP" BAR Time Trial Cup and the Team Championship goes forward another stage on Sunday next, when the SCAA promote their first event for the HKCAA, the 100 Miles Time Trial. A permanent trophy in the form of a Challenge Shield, has been donated for this event by the "FING LEE" Cycle Co. and will form a welcome addition to the HKCAA Trophy list.

On present form, I cannot see Ron Beck being beaten for first place, but I doubt if he can beat his own Colony record of 4-24 for the distance. The weather is at present too windy for any outstanding speed efforts. The REME team will be closely challenged by the SCAA for the Team title, and it is fairly sure that the present Team record will go, as it is not very fast. Bould, Ellingham, and Marshall will be backed up by Hazelton, Lord and Spray, and should provide the winning combination, though the SCAA boys can never be discounted, particularly in events calling for stamina and endurance. They have the courage of lions, these Chinese boys, and never give up trying. They could provide a surprise.

Another Cycle Show has come and gone, once again with very few major innovations in design or equipment. The main emphasis seemed to be on the improvement of specifications on the "Sports" or semi-racing models, most of which now boast of 8 and 10 speed gearing, large-flange hubs and super-light wheels. Braking and scalding stays much the same, but there is a marked tendency towards brighter colouring and more "flashy" finishes.

Perhaps the two most outstanding novelties of the Show were the new frame design, and the improved "Benelux" gear. The frame uses dual tubing for the seat tube, the chainwheel running inside the tube tubes and being movable horizontally in order to maintain a constant chainline when using derailleur gears.

This seems an unnecessary refinement in view of the great advances made in recent years in flexible chain manufacture. Also, the ultra-short wheelbase of the machine—37½ inches—makes it unsuitable for any but the smallest of riders.

The new "Benelux" gear system is a great step forward and gives this country at least one type suitable for use in such events as the "Tour". It incorporates an automatic chain tensioning system, worked from the single operating cable, and gives a wide range of gearing, up to 23 tooth difference. This should be sufficient for all but the extremist, as it will allow of a range of from 40 inches to over 100, big enough for anyone.

Minor improvements in accessories and a few "Novelty" complete the list of items of interest at the Show. The modern frame, and indeed practically all parts of the modern bicycle, have reached the stage when marked improvements in design are a rare thing, and no-one wants change for the sake of change. The cycle of today is, perhaps, the most efficient piece of mechanism existing, what other will show up to the task of the modern bicycle?

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## Belgium To Send Two Skiers To Winter Games

Brussels, Nov. 29. Although there is as much chance of skiing in Belgium as there is in the Sahara desert, Belgium is sending two skiers to compete in the 1956 Olympic Games at Cortina D'Ampezzo. It was announced here today.

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## PAY UP THE REDS!



## Few Owners Make Racing Pay Says JAMES PARK

Year after year I am amazed at the punishment taken by racehorse owners. Fewer than 900 managed to win a race of any description in the past flat season. Of that total, those who made ends meet are very few.

Of the 16 who netted more than £10,000 in stake money we cannot take into consideration Madame L. Volterra, the Aga Khan, M. P. Wertheimer or the Marchese Ines della Rocchetta, whose horses are trained on the Continent.

That leaves a dozen in the higher bracket class. I would pick out only five as likely to have shown a profit. They are Lady Zia Wertheimer, Lady Wyfold, Mr David Robinson, Sir Percy Loraine and Mr R. D. Hollingsworth.

Even then I would not be surprised if one or two contradicted me. Lady Wertheimer runs her own stud and recently lost an action with the Income-tax authorities which would have made a considerable difference to all the owner-breeders in the country.

I should think Mr C. W. Bell spent more in yearlings than he won in stake-money. Lord

## Diamond For A Golf Ball

Johannesburg, Nov. 29. Golfers on the new 18-hole course at Paarl were reported today to have met some unusual hazards.

An antelope wandered across the sixth green just as a four-some was about to play approach shots. Several crows have been killed on the fairways. Baboons occasionally run off with the ball.

But, on the credit side, one couple looking for their ball picked up a diamond.—United Press.

## BENEFIT GAMES CALLED OFF

The soccer games arranged between a team from Caroline Hill Stadium and the Club Stadium, and the game between the "Old Crooks" due to be played at the Club Stadium tonight have been canceled and will not now be played.

## FIRST EXHIBITION BY BOB MATHIAS THIS AFTERNOON

By "RECORDER"

The first exhibition in Hongkong by Lt. Robert Bruce Mathias, USMC, twice Olympic Champion in the Decathlon (the 10-event all-round athletic championship) will take place this afternoon, commencing at 3 p.m., at King George V School, Argyle Street, Kowloon.

Bob Mathias arrived yesterday and was met at Kai Tak by Mr Peter Donohue, President of the HKAAA, Mr Raleigh Leung, Chairman of the HKAAA, Mr L. G. Young, representing the Hongkong Amateur Sports Federation and Olympic Council, Committee Members of the HKAAA, representatives of the New Territories Sports Association, Mr Harry Odell and officials of the USIS.

His second exhibition will be at the Army ground, Boundary Street, during the Second Annual Inter-District Athletic Sports of the New Territories School Sports Association tomorrow from 10 a.m. and his third at the South China Athletic Association Stadium at Caroline Hill from 5 p.m. on Friday.

Today's exhibition will include the Shot Put, Discus Throw, Javelin Throw, High Jump and Long Jump. At the other exhibitions it is likely that he will also demonstrate the High Hurdles and Pole Vault.

It is sufficient to say that all of Mathias' best performances in all the field events, except possibly in the Long Jump, are well above the local record. He has thrown the discus well over 170 feet, the Shot Put nearly 52 feet. He is not as good by international standards in the jumps or the Javelin Throw, but he has a best time of 13.8 seconds for the 110 Metres High Hurdles.

## INSPIRING FILM

He was Olympic Decathlon Champion at the London Games in 1948 at the age of 17 and again at the Helsinki Games in 1952. Those who would like to know a little more about him would be well recommended to see "The Bob Mathias Story", now at the King's Theatre, where he is also making personal appearances at the late performances.

The film stars Bob Mathias himself and his wife, Melba. The story is a good home-sweet-home showing life in the United States, just as it normally is. The only legs on exhibition are those of Mathias himself and gangsters or cowpunchers are conspicuous by their absence.

We discover that a little Californian town like Tulare has a high school with an athletic ground that is more modern

than anything so far in Hongkong (the Government Stadium's athletic facilities are not yet ready), that even high school high jumpers land in sawdust rather than sand, which, curiously enough, is all quite true.

A little town like Tulare also has a great loyalty to its VIPs and the excitement in the little town over Mathias' Olympic victories is well depicted and, again, based on what did actually happen.

The film shows much of the London and the Helsinki Olympic Games and dozens of leading world athletic figures make their appearance and we see several Olympic races.

Much of the two Olympic Decathlon Championships is also shown. There are two curious errors. The first has an English official with a very English voice at Wembley Stadium announcing that Mathias is about to have his trial in the "Broad Jump" and the other shows the 400 Metres at the end of the first day with about a dozen sprints and being run not in lanes but as though it was a long distance race.

One may note that Mathias himself, while being a most presentable figure and not lacking personal charm, is rather too restrained and normal to match a Robert Taylor or Tyrone Power, but his wife, Melba, is for an amateur actress rather a good one.

## A "MUST" FOR CHILDREN

This is definitely a film that all children should be sent along to see. It quietly records the fact that one can even be a world champion at 17 if one is keen enough, and it shows Olympic Games scenes that cannot but fail to inspire any impressionable boy or girl. For an adult wishing to see Mathias as he is, lived by normal Americans, not by Abbott or Costello or by Marilyn Monroe, this is one of the very few opportunities that have ever come Hongkong's way.

The HKAAA is giving a dinner party in honour of Bob Mathias at the King King Restaurant, Wanchai, from 7 p.m. on Saturday, December 3, and all athletes and members of affiliated clubs are all welcome to attend. Our athletic ladies are also welcome.

Those wishing to attend are asked to communicate as soon as possible with their respective

## Inter-School Football

Following are this week's Inter-School Football fixtures: SUNDAY, DEC. 4

La Salle v St. Louis—Police "B" Boundary Street, 10.15 a.m. N. Hancock. SFA v SFA—King's Park, 11 a.m. La Salle v King's Park, 11 a.m. King's v Pool Sun—Army "A" Boundary Street, 11.15 a.m. E. F. Bingham. Aberdeen v St. Joseph's Club—11.15 a.m. Major Elwick. Clemens v Wah Yan HK—Army Gr. Bookpoo, 11.15 a.m. W. H. Lau. Queen's v St. Stephen's—Navy Gr. Causeway Bay, 11.15 a.m. F. W. Bates. Wah Yan HK v KGV—KGV School, 11 a.m. Wong Wah-kay. Q. Elizabeth v Intermediate. La Salle v Queen's—Police "B" Boundary Street, 10.15 a.m. F. A. Barretto. St. Joseph's v King's—Club, 10.15 a.m. P. Manson. Aberdeen v St. Louis—Army Gr. Bookpoo, 10.15 a.m. Y. C. Mak. SFA v Wah Yan—King's Park, 10 a.m. Liu Ting-kai. Balesdens v Wai-ling—Lyman Barracks, 11 a.m. J. Masterson. Clemens v Junior Tech—Navy Gr. Causeway Bay, 10.15 a.m. Tsang Kiu-bun.

Junior. Wai-ling v Salesians—Lyman Barracks, 10 a.m. J. Masterson. Wah Yan HK v KGV—KGV School, 10 a.m. W. H. Lau. Wah Yan HK v Wah Yan—Army Gr. Bookpoo, 9.30 a.m. Ng Chun-wing. St. Mark's v Island Road—Navy Gr. Causeway Bay, 9.30 a.m. Yu Loong-kin. St. Joseph's v Muntian—Club, 9.30 a.m. Digby Lee. Intermediate. Wah Yan HK v Wah Yan—King's Park, 4 p.m. Wong Wah-kay. Junior Tech v St. Louis—Happy Valley, 4 p.m. P. Manson.

## Sammy McCarthy Beaten On Points By Belgian

London, Nov. 29. Jean Sneyers of Belgium, former Champion, tonight outpointed Sammy McCarthy, leading contender for the British Featherweight boxing title, over 10 rounds here.

There was very little between the two men up to the last round but Sneyers staged a grandstand finish, driving McCarthy around the ring to gain a narrow points verdict.

It was the second time that McCarthy, former British title holder, had been beaten this year by Sneyers, who has held the European Flyweight, Bantamweight and Featherweight Championships.—China Mail Special.

club secretaries or direct with the Hon. Secretary of the HKAAA, Mr Simon Wong, c/o R. 300, Hongkong Bank Building.

## Communist China Agrees To Grant Entry Visas For PI Footballers

Paris, Nov. 29. The All-China Athletic Federation today brought up the question of holding the qualifying matches between the Communist Chinese and Filipino football teams for the sixteenth Olympic Games next year in a letter to the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation, the New China news agency reported tonight.

According to the decision of the Federation Internationale Football Association (FIFA), the Chinese football team is to meet the Filipino team in the qualifying matches for the 1956 Olympic Games, and the Chinese Government has agreed to grant the Chinese team passports for playing in the Philippines and also entry visas to the Filipino players to play in China.

Mr Jung Kuo Tung, general secretary of the All-China Athletic Federation, expressed the belief that the qualifying matches between the Chinese and Filipino teams would be carried out satisfactorily in a friendly atmosphere. He suggested that it would be best to invite international referees from Asian countries for the matches, the agency said.

As to the dates of the matches and the place where the first match will be played, Mr Jung said he would like to know the opinion of the Philippine Federation. According to the FIFA, the qualifying matches should be completed before August 1, next year. He proposed that the match to be played in China should be held in Peking in June next year. There will be a return match to be played in the Philippines.—France-Press.

## London-Berlin Share Honours In Amateur Boxing

London and Berlin drew 5-5 each in an international amateur boxing tournament at the Royal Albert Hall, London, tonight.

Berlin made a good start, winning four of the first five fights, but London won four in a row before the German Heavyweight, R. Schmitt, made it a draw by beating E. London, (London), in the first round.

Nicky Gargano, Britain's European Welterweight Champion, gained a comfortable points decision over S. Simon (Berlin).

Harry Kirsch, Germany's European Lightweight Champion and one of the most experienced boxers in Europe, was unexpectedly beaten on points by 10-year-old Frank Bowling, who was making his first appearance in a representative match.

It was the fourth postwar meeting between the two cities, each side winning one with two draws.—China Mail Special.

## THE GAMBOLS



## by Barry Appleby



## ENGLAND-SPAIN SOCCER MATCH

London, Nov. 30. Centre-forward Nat Lofthouse and right-winger Tom Finney have passed fitness tests and will play for England against Spain in today's soccer international at Wembley Stadium. The match will be broadcast on television.



# COMING CRICKET TOUR OF PAKISTAN MAY ESTABLISH TITMUS AS AN ALL-ROUNDER

Says GEORGE WHITING

At the risk of being considered outrageously unseasonable, I offer the reminder that the young cricketers of England will be sailing away to Pakistan on December 3; also that in the MCC party is a mop-headed young man named Fred Titmus, of Middlesex and England.

Why talk about Titmus? Well, one reason is that this Pakistan tour may further establish him as one of the top all-rounders of the day—if only he will snarl occasionally and work up some of that truculent spirit that abounds in Messrs Lock, Trueman and sundry Australians.

Secondly, the Titmus tale offers bright encouragement to every youth who hits axes and smashes windows from the neighbourhood of a lamp-post. And, thirdly, it was our Fred's 23rd birthday last Thursday.

In a way, you could say it was the unlikely combination of a Mr Hitler and a Mrs Gardner who first kindled the cricket spark in a modest young Londoner who may yet attain the "all-round" status of a Lister, or a Rhodes, or a Jim Langridge, or a Trevor Bailey.

On his own admission, Titmus was no great shakes in the playground matches at Tufnell Park—except that, like many before him, he occasionally dreamed of becoming the fastest bowler in all the world.

"We had a concrete courtyard in the flats where we lived at Kenilworth, and we used to chalk a wicket on the wall until we got the idea of making our own stumps," said Titmus.

## THE BOMBS

"Then the bombs began to warm things up a little, and we were evacuated to Leicester."

"I went to a junior school there, and one of the teachers, Mrs Gardner, took my cricket in hand. She used to umpire our games in the playground, and as keen as mustard but for her, I suppose, I might never have taken up the game seriously. Might still be in a solicitor's office, Ugh!"

Back in the William Ellis Grammar School at Kenilworth, Titmus battled with distinction for the First XI, and showed the earliest recognisable symptoms of being able to bowl slow off-the-breaks instead of hope-impressed expressions.

An excursion into boxing with St. Pancras BC ended summarily and painfully—but cricket prospered so brightly with the Aldenham Boys' Club that Master Titmus upped and wrote for a trial with the Middlesex ground staff.

In April 1949 he was engaged to sell programmes and sweep up cigarette ends at Lord's for £2 15s. a week. One month later, he was playing for his county at 16—and if that did not lick creation, it certainly livened up the neighbours round at the flats.

## CONFIDENT FOURS

"We'll take that one," said Robins, pointing to Fred Titmus. And it was so.

Fowler hustled up the necessary gear, a fellow ground-boy handed over a clean pair of flannels, another produced a bag-and-off went the young hopeful, hellbent for Bath.

A century? Winning hit? Saved the side? Not exactly. But Titmus, batting No. 9, helped Allen in a stand of 34, and smothered confident fours of such more-than-modest bowlers as Tremlett and Wellard in a personal contribution of 13.

In those early days, the Titmus talents burgeoned in the directions of principally, bats-

## Danish Davis Cup Player Suspended

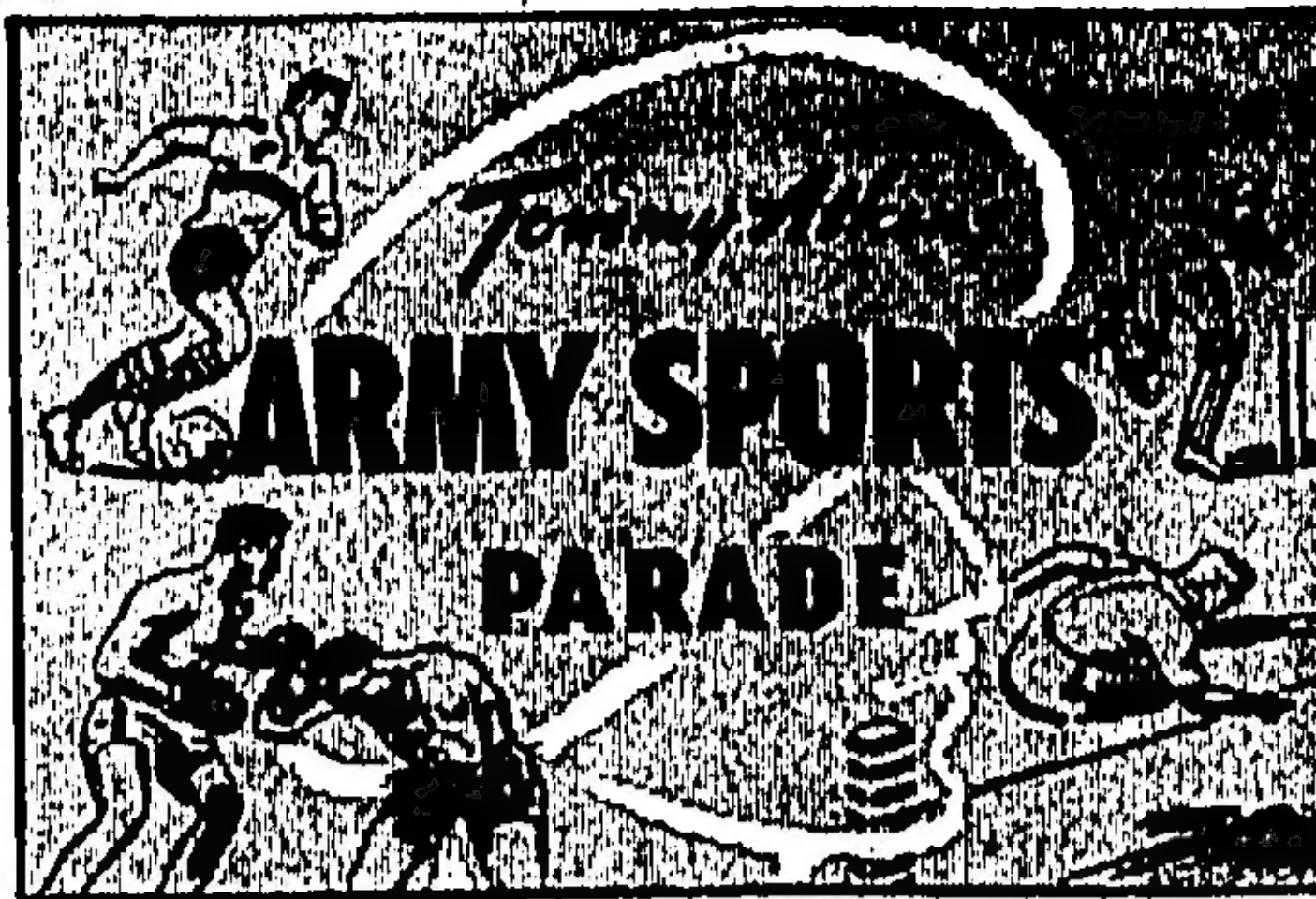
Copenhagen, Nov. 29. Torben Ulrich, Danish Davis Cup lawn tennis player has been banned from all representative matches until next May. The Danish Lawn Tennis Association announced here tonight.

The decision arose out of an incident during a match against Sweden in Stockholm recently when Ulrich hit a ball into the crowd after an adverse decision. After further incidents the match was stopped.

The Board took their decision after hearing statements from Ulrich and Kurt Nielsen, the Danish captain—Routier.

## Valley Accident

A riding boy taking out a new griffin at the Valley this morning fell off and had his shoulder broken. The griffin was slightly injured, the skin on its back being kept.



A few weeks ago I created a precedent by awarding the Spot of Honour at the Top of The Sports Parade to Cpl Ritchie of the Royal Air Force for his spectacular victory in the Macao Grande Prix.

Such a precedent makes it easy and in order for me to extend a similar invitation to a most worthy member of the Senior Service... and it is, I know, with the understanding and appreciation of all other soldier athletes that I say... "Gangway... for a Naval Officer"... and welcome Bob Pape to receive our congratulations for his magnificent running at Caroline Hill last Sunday morning.

To break any record is always a source of satisfaction to a runner but, even allowing for Pape's already big reputation, it was a wonderful achievement to chop 5 minutes 13.8 seconds off the Colony 10,000 Metres record on the way.

Such running invokes the admiration of athletes in every section of our sports-minded community and nowhere more than in the Army... so on behalf of all soldier athletes, we say a very special, "Well run, Sir"... to Bob Pape.

The Army hockey players who played in the Hongkong side at Macao on Sunday gave a very good account of themselves and made a big contribution to the Colony's good show in holding the strong Macao side to the old goal in five.

## CHAMPIONSHIP FORM

Keep a good lookout for Northamptonshire Regiment badges before throwing out any challenges for a quick 301 on the dart board. It is the preserve of 100 per cent of them. The Sergeant's Mess team in the San Miguel League is my criterion they certainly throw a nifty dart out San Wai way. Twelve points from six matches is Championship form however you look at it and the team now has a very clear lead in Section III of the League.

There is a feeling of general satisfaction in all sections of the Colony rugby community at the success of the early season competition which is now in progress and which has produced so many excellent games.

Apart from the enthusiasm of the players and the admirable co-operation of the teams concerned, the healthy state of the series reflects the greatest credit on the organisers.

The whole set up has been a real shot in the arm to rugby generally and current indications are that the organisers behind the scenes are not missing any opportunity to keep interest at its present peak.

There are three important dates on the December calendar that constitute 'musts' for all who follow the game.

The first of these is a floodlight match at the Club Stadium on Wednesday December 7 at 6.30 p.m. when the powerful Gunners will set themselves against the Rest of the Army.

On the basis of rugby skill alone this game would be worth going to a long way, but when you add the additional 'kick' of the great rivalry that exists in such a meeting then surely one of the games of the year is the result.

## SECOND EVENT

The second event is a very different but no less important one. On Monday December 19, players, officials, enthusiasts and fans will gather at the NAAFI in Chatham Road Camp for a social evening. It is, however, a social evening with a difference.

It is interesting to note that the organisers are arranging for at least one film to be shown and for many aspects of the game to be discussed. I have been asked to make it clear that this occasion is open to all who are involved in rugby whether they belong to the Civilian or the Service communities.

The starting time is 6.30 p.m. and a guide will be waiting at the main gate to direct visitors to the building where the show is to be held.

The third and probably the most important of the three December highlights is another floodlight game at the Club Stadium on Wednesday, December 23 at 6.30 p.m.

This promise to be a big attraction and there is certain to be a good turnout to see the Army tackle the Rest of the Colony. With the present standard of rugby in the Colony this could be the sort of encounter that goes even the best controlled of rugby fans on his or her seat cheering and shouting.

Admission to the two floodlight games will be \$2.40. A special gate has been set aside for servicemen who will be admitted for \$1.20 on proof of identity.

According to reports from very useful sources, players have arrived in the Colony in good time and in order that at many

as possible of them can be watched under fair conditions the Army FA is staging a private trial at the week-end.

One or two of the players were in fact included in the 'B' team that defeated CAA 5-1 at the week-end and considering the fact that this was their first look at Colony football they did very well.

## FORTHCOMING TRIAL

The following players have been invited to take part in the forthcoming trial which will be played at Soekampoo next Saturday morning, 10.30 a.m.

Gnr Fowkes (15 Med Regt), Pte Goodvee (6 CDE), Pte Jones (att. HQ 48 Bde), Pte Langley (6 CDE), Pte Jones (18 Fd Amb), Gnr Rinder (15 Med Regt), L/Rdr Hawkins (74 LAA Regt), Pte Middleton (74 LAA Regt), Cpl Whitehead (Cnd WShops), Gnr Frizell (74 LAA Regt).

The opposition will be provided by players from the Army senior side in which Gnr Laycock and 2/Lt Payne both of 15 Med Regt will come in for McInnes and White who have, of course, been selected to represent the Colony against the visitors from Mozambique on Sunday.

Congratulations to Major Peter Chalk, captain of Army South cricket team, on his grand commentaries during the recent Hongkong versus Malaya Interport Cricket match.

His quick appreciation of the various situations as they arose, and of course his skipper's intuition and experience, combined to make the commentaries informative and enjoyable.

I have been asked to correct an inaccuracy in press reports on the recent Ayerst McKenna Cup Final between 33 General Hospital and 18 Field Ambulance. It has been suggested that the current winners—33 General Hospital—had, by their victory, completed a series of three successive wins. This is not so. The trophy was won by 20 FDS last season. The Ayerst McKenna Cup is competed for annually by the various Army medical units in the Colony and 33 General Hospital won it in 1952 and 1953.

There were thrills galore when the 7th Queen's Own Hussars held their annual Inter-Squadron Boxing Championship at Sek Kong last Friday. The standard of boxing was generally good and a big crowd enjoyed some really spirited fighting.

The issue was in doubt for a long time and in the end RHQ, just plipped 'C' Squadron by 2 points to collect the Championship trophy.

## CLEAR WINNERS

Congratulations to 1 Essex on their fine victory in the 27 Bdo Cross Country Championship yesterday. Led home by Lt. Church and Alderton, 1st and 2nd in the Individual Championship—their points total of 79 made them clear winners from 1 N. Staffs (109 points), and 1 Northampton (121 points).

The Army A and B Hockey teams travel to Macao on Saturday for games against Macao on Sunday.

There has been a good response to the entry lists for the Land Forces Cross Country Championships. Ten entries have been received for the Major Units event and 8 for the Minor Units title. All members of these teams are in the Colony and are in the individual Championship and in addition eight other individual entries have been received.

Seven of the competing teams will also be taking part in the Colony Championship which is being run simultaneously. Only two individual entries have been received for this event.

And now a few diary dates to finish. The Colony 10 Miles Road race and 2 1/2 Miles Walk will take place on Sunday, December 18. All entries must be in the hands of the DOPT by December 5. Bob Mathias at KGV today at 2 p.m. and at Caroline Hill on Friday, December 12, at 2 p.m.

## AROUND HOLLYWOOD

# NO MATTER WHO THEY ARE, THEY WANT TO SEE THEIR SCREEN FAVOURITES

Says MICHAEL RUDDY

Beverly Hills.

Where do you see film stars is one of the common questions of visitors to Hollywood; no matter who they are—princes, dukes, millionaires, Texas tycoons and tourists, they want to see their screen favourites.

Romanoff's is the popular restaurant especially on Thursday night, cook's night off. Gary Cooper, Humphrey Bogart, Herbert Marshall, Judy Garland, Frank Sinatra, Spencer Tracy, and many of the Old Guard dine here.

At Chasen's, you'll find James Cagney, Bing Crosby, Bob Hope and a bunch of regulars in the small pine-paneled room with the raised log-fire in the corner. Probably the best place to have a premiere with a star-studded audience.

I took an Australian wool merchant and his wife to the premiere of "Oklahoma" which was filmed in Arizona where the corn grew as high as an elephant's eye and where there were many beautiful mornings.

We stood in the foyer and watched Marlene Dietrich, a most glamorous grandma, sweep in with Mike Todd, producer and impresario. Marlene stole the show in her pink coat over a champagne silk gown, topped by a turban on which glittered an enormous diamond pin.

## NEW SINGING STAR

Gordon MacRae, star of "Oklahoma," sported a ruffled silk shirt and sapphire cufflinks. Grace Kelly posed prettily. Shirley Jones, new singing star of the year, sang "Oh, what a beautiful morning" and the crowds of fans around the theatre joined in the chorus.

The night was perfect, star-glimming and a new moon high over the hills of Hollywood. The film version of the Rodgers and Hammerstein classic is delightful if long and the Todd-AO technique of super wide-screen is impressive. The colour superb; the singing, personable, the country, starkly beautiful.

I met Dean Martin at Paramount Studios where he begins a week's recording of songs for the Martin and Lewis fun-riot in Arizona, titled "Paradise." Dean was wearing cowboy boots and blue jeans. "I'm getting used to them," he said. "But I hope the horses get used to me quicker."

You'll see Nora Hope, Bob's nine-year-old in "That Certain Feeling" in scene with her famous father and Jerry Mathers, a little fellow who was one of "The Seven Little Foys."

Another Hope, Kelly, 10, was in a sequence of the comedy with his father, Eva Marie Saint and George Sanders. Good experience for the kids, Hope told me. "They can see how hard their old man works."

This is a big week for Shelly Winters on Broadway. She is starring on the stage in "A Hatful of Rain" and is playing on the screen in three films, "I am a Fugitive," "The Big Kill," and "I Died a Thousand Times," and co-starring in the latter two with Jack Palance.

And her former fiancé, Farley Granger, whose romance with her was used to exploit an alleged comedy, "Let's Misbehave," is now engaged to Jane Russell with wedding-bells to ring before Christmas, his Press-agent says.

## PUBLICITY BOYS

The Warner Brothers carefully dubbed in a good voice for

Rosanna Podesta, their "Helen of Troy," now in Hollywood filming "Santiago" with Alan Ladd and Lloyd Nolan. But the Warner publicity boys continue to explain that Rosanna doesn't speak English, has an Italian-speaking chauffeur, and learns her lines phonetically.

As for "Helen of Troy," it's a colossal spectacle two hours long, and rather dull with 'crazy' dialogue spoken by the largest assembly of British actors seen on the screen since "Henry V." Big question—how to sell "Helen of Troy" to the American public. No stars, just charlots, battles, sets, a Trojan Horse, and accents.

I chatted with Alec Guinness between scenes of "The Swan" in his pine-paneled dressing-room. (Pine panelling is very popular in Hollywood; gives the British touch to rooms, think the decorators and designers.)

On the stage, 300 extras in gowns and uniforms danced a Viennese waltz. Across the way, Grace Kelly was having coffee with Jessie Royce Landis, her mother in this Molnar comedy and in "To Catch a Thief."

"How do you account for your popularity in the USA, Mr Guinness?" He reflected, rubbed his chin, smiled, said "Well, perhaps this might explain. When I was in New York, a man introduced himself to me at a restaurant and said, 'Mr Guinness, you know why my wife and I and lots of our friends like you, see all your films. You are the only British actor we can understand.'"

The things their Press-agents say they say: "Beware of the girl who behaves like a kitten—she's generally a panther on the prowl," Joan Fontaine. "A dictionary is the only place

success comes before work," Mario Lanza. "Health is better than wealth because no one tries to borrow it," Joan Wayne. Whatever happened to Marion Brando's engagement to Joanne Bernier? Mr Brando, his father, his associates and his publicity pals don't discuss Joal. "No personal matters," they say.

All right, Marlon. It was a summertime romance. But you did say you were going to marry the fisherman's daughter.

After ten years, Ginger Rogers has returned to RKO Studios, under new management and her handsome young husband, Jacques Bergerac, tests this week with Dana Wynter, Hollywood's newest star at Twentieth Century Fox Studios.

## League Badminton

In a Junior Mixed Doubles badminton match played last night, CCC Green beat Chinese YMCA by seven games to two.

Results are as follows: Y. C. Chui and K. P. Ho (CYMCA) beat Mrs Silva and R. Yung 21-17, lost to Mrs Chan and Z. A. Abbas 16-21, lost to Mary Wong and S. H. Ng 12-21.

C. Young and H. P. Ho (CYMCA) beat Mrs Silva and Yung 21-9, lost to Mrs Chan and Abbas 10-21, lost to Miss Wong and Ma 12-21.

M. Ngan and S. H. Ng (CYMCA) lost to Mrs Silva and Yung 18-21, lost to Mrs Chan and Abbas 12-21, lost to Miss Wong and Ma 8-21.

## Sports Diary

**TODAY**  
Athletics by 10.30 a.m. at KGV ground. 1.30 p.m. Meeting.  
Hockey Association Annual Meeting at CYMCA, 6 p.m.

**TOMORROW**  
JKAFAA Executive meeting at Education Dept. 1.30 p.m.  
Time With Free Schools sports meet at Caroline Hill, 10 a.m.

**FRIDAY**  
Athletics by 10.30 a.m. at KGV ground. 1.30 p.m. Meeting.

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# 'Mechanical Brain' Shames British Tote

By THE SCOUT

"We must admit we have nothing in England to compare with that," said Mr Green firmly. He and I were watching the Laurel Park (Maryland, US) electric tote-board in operation.

On the four huge panels opposite to the stands brilliantly-lit figures twinkled and flashed as the dollars were betted through the "tote" windows in the pools for win, place (1, 2), and show (1, 2, 3).

"What impresses me so much, Scout, is that fourth panel—the one displaying the prices and the fluctuations," remarked Mr Green.

SCOUT: "Those are computed by a mechanical brain, and you will notice how accurately this works when the dividends are announced."

"They certainly put our hand-operated indicators at Newmarket and elsewhere to shame,"

MR G: "There's one point puzzles me, Scout. Two runners in this race are numbered 1 and 1A on the racecard, but only the figure 1 shows on the four panels dealing with the betting. No mention of 1A."

## SUSPICIOUS

SCOUT: "The horses are trained in the same stable and are regarded as a single entry for all betting purposes."

"The same applies when an owner starts two or more horses for one race, even if the horses are trained by different trainers. Joe Punter is highly suspicious of all owners and trainers."

MR G: "I see. These American racegoers are not so trusting as we are. I notice too that there are no facilities for betting on credit. Why is that?"

SCOUT: "They do not want the trouble of it. And, furthermore, each State is closely concerned with the conduct of race meetings within its boundaries. A concession has to be made to the voters who believe that credit betting encourages gambling and should therefore be prohibited."

"If you look around too you will notice that there are no public telephone kiosks."

"The reason? To prevent any bookmakers from calling up their confederates—and vice versa. The heads of the racecourse and the State exchequer do not want visitors to sneak their bets away to an agency from which they derive no profit."

MR G: "For a monopoly, the tote organisation here seems to be remarkably alert."

## NO DELAY

SCOUT: "Part of the system. The pari-mutual manager is an important member of the racecourse executive."

"It's up to him each day to plan his number of selling windows and their denominations, so that they are efficiently staffed, and that there is a bare minimum of delay."

"In Britain, broadly speaking, only the punters are annoyed when windows close before they can place their bets. Here the racecourse president and the head of the State's commissionaries have a stake in the delay."

MR G: "Looking after their 10 per cent, eh? It's certainly worth working for. One more point, Scout."

"Why do they have the daily double on the first and second races, instead of on the third and fifth as we do?"

SCOUT: "That's smart tactics. The daily double has proved itself very popular. The idea in choosing the first two races is to ensure that visitors arrive early. Many would be inclined to miss the first or second race, and the betting turn-over would suffer in consequence."

"It is due to these 'tricks of the trade' that so much money flows back into racing, prize-money is high, wages are high, and the organisation first class."

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## Hockey League

## Fixtures Changed

Owing to the Army 'A' and 'B' teams going to Macao this week-end, the fixtures for both Men's Leagues have been changed from that published in the handbook. The fixtures set for December 4 will now be played off on December 11, and those set for December 11 will be played off this week-end. The following are the fixtures for this week-end:

**Men's First Division**  
Soekampoo v KTYC at King's Park at 4 p.m.  
Recreio 'A' v Recreio 'B' at Recreio at 11 a.m.  
RAF 'A' v Nav Bharat 'A' at Kai Tak at 3 p.m.  
Army 'A' v Army 'B'—Postponed.  
Bye: RN 'A'.

**Men's Second Division**  
Army 'C' v Dutch HC at Soekampoo at 2.30 p.m.  
Demons v IRC at Soekampoo at 11 a.m.  
University v RAF 'B' at University at 2.30 p.m.  
RN 'B' v HKHC at Happy Valley at 2.30 p.m.  
Bye: Nav Bharat 'B'.

Due to the non-availability of the Pool Grounds this coming Saturday, the venue of some of the Ladies' matches have had to be changed, and one match has had to be postponed.

The following are the league fixtures for this Saturday:

**Ladies' Division**  
Services HC v Recreio at Boundary Street at 4 p.m.  
Victorians v Dorians 'A' at Soekampoo at 4 p.m.  
Greenhill Kings v Crusaders at Soekampoo at 4 p.m.  
KGV 'A' v Dorians 'A' at Soekampoo at 4 p.m.  
Bye: RN 'B' v Dorians 'B'—Postponed.







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